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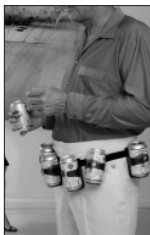
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# News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## World

**Romanian rock star funeral:** Hundreds of fans turned out Tuesday in this Transylvanian city for the funeral of a Romanian rock star who was killed in a car accident involving a U.S. Marine.

Tosil Peter, a 30-year-old bass player with the popular Romanian band Compact, died in the crash early Saturday.

Romania's Prime Minister Adrian Nastase appealed to President Bush on Tuesday to help bring the Marine to justice, adding that his immediate departure from the country after the accident has caused outrage in Romania.

**Moroccan terror suspects' trial:** Five Moroccans held for nearly three years at the U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay — including a suspected bodyguard for Osama bin Laden — went on trial in Rabat and were charged with posing a threat to national security.

Arrested in Pakistan and Afghanistan in late 2001, all five were accused of taking training courses in how to handle firearms and make explosives.

Soon after the trial opened Monday, lawyers for the group won a two-week postponement until Dec. 20 to better prepare their defense. The court denied a request that the defendants be released from prison during the trial.

After spending two years and eight months at the U.S. detention camp in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the men were turned over to Moroccan authorities in August.

**Group suicide in Japan:** Three people were found dead inside a car parked outside a remote forest in southern Japan early Tuesday in what police suspected was the country's latest group suicide.

Two women and a man were found in a minivan in the town of Yagoy, in Japan's Oita prefecture, local police spokesman Mikio Suura said. A 42-year-old woman was in the driver's seat, while a 19-year-old man sat in the passenger seat and a 26-year-old woman sat in the back seat.

Three portable stoves containing solid charcoal fuel sat on the floor and the windows were sealed with vinyl tape from the inside. Police said they later found suicide notes inside the car.

## States

**Scott Peterson trial:** In tearful testimony, Scott Peterson's family and friends pleaded with jurors to spare his life, contending that



TERRI BARRIER/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

**Safety campaign:** Brig. Gen. William Rew, 35th Fighter Wing and Misawa Air Base, Okinawa, installation commander, ties a green ribbon onto a car's antenna at the base exchange Friday. The ribbon tying is part of the "Tie One Or" safety campaign which runs through Jan. 1. Unit commanders, first sergeants and flight chiefs tie green ribbons on the antennas or windshield wipers of squadron members' vehicles as a visible reminder for people to consider the consequences of their actions through the holiday season.

he was mistakenly convicted of killing his pregnant wife, Laci.

Testimony in the seven-month-old trial's penalty phase was set to continue Tuesday and run into the next day before closing arguments. Jurors were expected to begin deliberating Thursday whether to sentence Peterson to life without parole or the death penalty. Peterson was convicted Nov. 12 of first-degree murder in the death of his pregnant wife, Laci, and of second-degree murder for the killing of her fetus.

**U.S. border checks:** Foreign nationals entering the United States zipped through the main port in Nogales and several other locations in Arizona and California as a new digital screening program went into effect.

"It's much faster this way," said Adolfo Moroyocui Felix, who was traveling between Mexico and Phoenix. "They had to fill out paperwork before. It's more effective this way."

The screenings are part of a post-Sept. 11 plan to ID and record every foreigner who enters and leaves the United States. It has been in place at U.S. airports and seaports for nearly a year. It will be in the country's 50 busiest land ports by the end of the

month and at all 165 land border crossings by the end of next year.

**Arthritis drugs:** New research suggests that pain reliever Celebrex does not carry the same heart attack risk as Vioxx, a similar drug pulled from the market in September because of safety concerns.

The study by researchers at the University of Pennsylvania compares the two arthritis drugs and contradicts claims by other scientists that all so-called cox-2 inhibitors may carry similar dangers.

**Deadly smuggling attempt:** A Honduran man who survived the nation's deadliest human smuggling attempt described a grim scene inside the trailer where he was packed with other immigrants.

"We were very desperate. People were taking off their clothes. ... I was very weak," said David Fernando Amaya-Leon, who testified Monday in the trial of three people who prosecutors say are members of a smuggling ring that tried to transport him and more than 70 other illegal immigrants from South Texas to Houston in May 2003 inside the trailer.

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# Army slow to tell truth about Tillman

## Facts about former pro football player's death by friendly fire in Afghanistan initially distorted, hidden from family and public

The story so far: Spc. Pat Tillman's platoon was divided in half in Afghanistan. Serial Two, led by Sgt. Greg Baker and including Tillman's younger brother Kevin, was ambushed in a canyon and returned fire, unaware that Serial One, which included Tillman and platoon commander Lt. David Urbaniak, was nearby. In the ensuing confusion, Pat Tillman was killed.

By STEVE COLL  
The Washington Post

Just days after Pat Tillman died from friendly fire on a desolate ridge in southeastern Afghanistan, the U.S. Army Special Operations Command released a brief account of his last moments.

The April 30 statement awarded Tillman a posthumous Silver Star for combat valor and described how a section of his Ranger platoon came under attack.

"He ordered his team to dismount and then maneuvered the Rangers up a hill near the enemy's location," the release said. "As they crested the hill, Tillman directed his team into firing positions and personally provided suppressive fire."

### Third in a three-part series

Tillman's voice was heard issuing commands to take the fight to the enemy forces."

It was a stirring tale and fitting eulogy for the Army's most famous volunteer to fight on terrorism, a charismatic former pro football star whose reflexes, courage and handsome beret-draped face captured for many Americans the best aspects of the country's top Sept. 11 character.

It also was a distorted and incomplete narrative, according to dozens of internal Army documents obtained by The Washington Post that describe Tillman's death by fratricide after a chain of botched communications, a misguided order to divide his platoon over the objection of its leader and undisciplined firing by fellow Rangers.

The Army's public release made no mention of friendly fire, even though at the time it was issued, investigators in Afghanistan had taken at least 14 sworn statements from Tillman's platoon members that made clear the true causes of his death. The statements included a searing accusation from the Ranger nearest Tillman during the firefight, who quoted him shouting "Cease fire! Friendlies!" weeks later.

Army records show Tillman fought bravely during his final battle.

He followed orders, never wavered and, at one stage, proposed discarding his heavy body armor, apparently because he wanted to charge a distant ridge occupied by the enemy, an idea rejected by his immediate



Tillman



U.S. Army Warrant Officer Mike Santoro, on leave from Iraq, signs a memorial for former Arizona Cardinals player and U.S. Army Ranger Pat Tillman on April 23 at the Cardinals training facility in Tempe, Ariz. During several weeks of memorials and commemorations that followed Tillman's death, commanders at his 75th Ranger Regiment and their superiors hid the truth about friendly fire from Tillman's brother Kevin, who had fought with Pat in the same platoon, but was not involved in the firing incident.

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superior, witness statements show.

But the Army's published account not only withheld all evidence of fratricide, it exaggerated Tillman's role and stripped his actions of their context. Tillman was not one of the senior commanders on the scene — he directed only himself, one other Ranger and an Afghan militiaman, under supervision from others. Witness statements in the Army's files at the time of the press release describe Tillman's voice ringing out on the battlefield mainly in a desperate effort, joined by other Rangers on his ridge, to warn comrades to stop shooting at their own men.

The Army's April 30 press release was just one episode in a broader Army effort to manage the uncomfortable facts of Pat Tillman's death, according to internal records and interviews.

During several weeks of memorials and commemorations that followed Tillman's death, commanders at his 75th Ranger Regiment and their superiors hid the truth about friendly fire from Tillman's brother Kevin, who had fought with Pat in the same platoon, but was not involved in the firing incident and did not know the cause of his brother's death. Commanders also withheld the facts from Tillman's widow, his parents, national politicians and the public, according to records and interviews with sources involved in the case.

On May 3, Ranger and Army officers joined hundreds of mourners at a public ceremony in San Jose, Calif., to remember Tillman. The visiting officers gave no hint of the evidence investigators collected in Afghanistan.

In a telephone interview, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said, "I think it would

have been helpful to have at least their suspicions known" before he spoke about Tillman's death in public. Even more, he said, "the family deserved some kind of heads-up that there would be questions."

McCain said that questions raised by Mary Tillman, Pat's mother, about how the Army handled the case led him to meet twice earlier this fall with Army officers and former acting Army secretary Les Brownlee to seek answers. About a month ago, McCain said, Brownlee told him the Pentagon would reopen its investigation. A Pentagon official confirmed an investigation is under way, but Army spokesmen declined to comment further.

When she learned friendly fire had taken her son's life, "I was upset about it, but I thought, 'Well, accidents happen,'" Mary Tillman said in a telephone interview. "Then when I found out that it was because of huge negligence at places along the way — you have time to process that and you really get annoyed."

As memorials and news releases shaped public perceptions in May, Army commanders privately pursued military justice investigations of several low-ranking Rangers who had fired on Tillman's position and officers who issued the ill-fated mission's or-

ders, records show.

Army records show that Col. James C. Nixon, the 75th Ranger Regiment's commander, accepted his chief investigator's findings on the same day, May 8, that he

was officially appointed to run the case.

A spokesman for U.S. Central Command, or CENTCOM, which is legally responsible for the investigation, declined to respond to a question about the short time frame between the appointment and the findings.

The Army acknowledged only that friendly fire — "probably" killed Tillman when Lt. Gen. Philip R. Kensinger Jr. made a terse announcement on May 29 at Fort Bragg, N.C. Kensinger declined questions and offered no details about the investigation, its conclusions, or who might be held accountable.

Army spokesmen said last week they followed standard policy in delaying and limiting disclosure of fratricide evidence. The Silver Star narrative released April 30 came from information provided by Ranger commanders in the field, said Lt. Col. Hans Bush, chief of public affairs for the Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg.

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### Correction

A report in the Dec. 2 edition about the death of a sailor from the USS Frank Cable crew had been active in the ship is one of two submarine tenders active in the Navy. The other is the Atlantic Fleet's USS Emory S. Land, permanently based in La Maddalena, Italy.

# Maintenance units compete for top honors

## Weapons-loading contest seeks best of Misawa airmen

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN

Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Senior Airman Juan Reyes was pacing in Hangar 911, mentally reviewing countless checklists he long since had memorized.

In 15 minutes, he was to do something he practices routinely — except now it would be before dozens of his colleagues, two generals, three judges and a ticking clock.

"I'm very nervous," Reyes said Tuesday afternoon.

The "load crew of the year competition" can fray nerves, as some of Misawa's airmen discovered Tuesday when they battled to earn bragging rights as the base's best weapons loaders. Two aircraft maintenance units from 35th Maintenance Group each had to install two missiles and a bomb on an F-16. The team with the fastest time and fewest errors wins.

"It's the biggest event of the year for a weapons load crew," said Senior Airman Eric Windsor. "It's what it comes down to." The competition is an Air Force tradition. "As long as we've been loading bombs, they've been doing it," said Staff Sgt. Shawn Ingalls, loading standardization crew member for 35th Maintenance Group.

"I'm sure they'll be nervous, but it's fun for them," he added. "They may only get to do this once. These are honestly the top people at their job."

Reyes' team, which also included Windsor and load crew team chief Staff Sgt. Brandon Williams, loads weapons for the 14th Fighter Squadron at Misawa. They earned a spot in Tuesday's contest through top performance in monthly and quarterly competitions, designed to ensure the base's approximately 180 weap-



Senior Airman Juan Reyes, a weapons load crew member at Misawa, checks a cluster bomb unit during Tuesday's competition.

ons troops meet Air Force requirements for how often they practice loading fighters and to boost morale and camaraderie, officials said.

The year-end competition is more challenging, however: Each team starts out with 2,000 points and must answer a 20-question test about their job, undergo a dress-and-appearance evaluation and perform in front of an audience.

Bleachers and special seats were set up in the hangar Tuesday for numerous U.S. and Japan Air Self-Defense Force airmen whose job it is to load fighters, along with 35th Fighter Wing and base commander Brig. Gen. Bill Rew and JASDF 3rd Air Wing Commander Maj. Gen. Hidetoshi Hirata.

It typically takes about 47 minutes to install weapons, Reyes said. For the competition, his team was hoping to finish in 17 minutes. Though Reyes and crew finished several minutes ahead of the 13th Aircraft Maintenance Unit of Staff Sgt. Jerod Miller, Senior Airman Nathan Werley and Senior Airman Webb Wiggins, results won't be announced until Tuesday.

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PHOTOS BY JENNIFER H. SVAN/Stars and Stripes

Staff Sgt. Jerod Miller checks a missile Tuesday during the 35th Maintenance Group's "load crew competition of the year" in Hangar 911 at Misawa Air Base, Japan. Two teams of three airmen competed for bragging rights and recognition as the base's best weapons loaders.

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# Army deserter Jenkins departs Camp Zama

BY VINCE LITTLE

Stars and Stripes

U.S. Army deserter Charles Jenkins left Camp Zama on Tuesday morning and was greeted by a cheering crowd Sado Island in Niigata Prefecture, Japan, with his wife, Hitomi Soga, and their two North Korean-born daughters.

The 64-year-old former Army sergeant wrapped up outprocessing requirements and his request for voluntary excess leave was approved by military officials, according to a U.S. Army Japan news release.

Jenkins pleaded guilty to desertion and adding the enemy during a Nov. 5 court-martial at Zama. He testified he abandoned his South Korea post in 1965 and defected to North Korea, where he remained for about 39 years.

## Former sergeant heads to island to live with wife

He was sentenced to six months in a military jail, given a dishonorable discharge, reduced in rank to private and ordered to forfeit all pay and allowances. But in a pretrial agreement, Jenkins served just 25 days of a monthlong prison term at the Yokosuka Naval Base confinement center. He was released Nov. 27 and reunited with his family at Camp Zama.

"While Jenkins remains on active duty until his mandatory automatic appeal process through the Army's legal system is completed, he will receive no military pay, and is not obligated to report for duty while in voluntary excess leave status," the release stated.

On Tuesday, the Jenkins family arrived Soga's hometown of Sado Island in northwest Japan, where they intend to settle. Kyodo News reported.

"Today is the first day of the last chapter of my life," Jenkins told at a news conference in Sado. "It is here on the island of Sado in Japan that I will hopefully live my remaining days with my wife and my children. ... This island is as beautiful as she described."

"I have made peace with the American Army and I have been shown great mercy and compassion," he said, sniffing and brushing away tears.

A native of Rich Square, N.C.,

Jenkins abandoned his South Korea post on Jan. 5, 1965, to avoid hazardous combat duty in Vietnam, he told Col. Denise Vowell, the military judge from Arlington, Va., brought in for last month's court-martial. Once across the Demilitarized Zone, he hoped to reach the Soviet Embassy there and ultimately be returned to the United States.

Asked by Vowell if walking away from his post was a conscious choice on his part, Jenkins said, "I knew what I was doing but it was a mistake. I didn't know North Korea was gonna keep me."

Jenkins later was forced to

teach English to North Korean officer cadets being trained as spies, he said.

During the court-martial, Army Capt. James Culp, his defense lawyer from South Korea, said Jenkins "suffered for 40 years under horrible, repressive conditions" in the reclusive communist nation.

"They said they saved that for the battlefield," Jenkins wrote.

In 1978, Soga was abducted from her Japanese hometown by North Korean agents. They wanted her to teach the Japanese language and customs to potential spies, Jenkins testified. She and Jenkins married two years later.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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# Camp Red Cloud troops letting Segway do the walking

BY SETH ROBSON

Stars and Stripes

**CAMP RED CLOUD.** South Korea—Explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) teams in Area 1, South Korea, are trying out the Segway Human Transporter as a way to move soldiers wearing heavy protective equipment on the battlefield.

The Segway is a two-wheeled, electric scooter that uses computers and gyroscopes to stay upright. It was invented by entrepreneur Dean Kamen using technology developed for an electric wheelchair able to climb stairs and let disabled people move standing upright. Since the device was unveiled in December 2001, it has been put to use by a range of U.S.

private and government organizations. In 2003, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency contracted with Segway to convert 15 of the scooters into Robotix Mobility Platforms for use in robotic research projects.

At Camp Red Cloud, soldiers from the 718th EOD Company are using a Segway as a bomb disposal tool.

In South Korea, EOD teams deal mostly with unexploded ordnance, but in Iraq the teams are responsible for defusing or destroying improvised explosive devices used by insurgents to target U.S. forces. One of the 718th, Staff Sgt. Scott Rominger, 36, of North Carolina, said the Segway can save bomb disposal teams a lot of energy when they encounter an IED.

Standard practice whenever a possible EOD (IED) is found is to set up a minimum 300-meter (984-foot) exclusion zone around the suspected bomb. The bomb disposal team leader then dons a heavy protective suit and approaches the device on foot, Rominger said.

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## Segway: Tech wonder lends a helping hand to EOD teams

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The bomb suit, which includes batteries to operate radio equipment and a face mask defogger, weighs more than 85 pounds, he said.

The Segway is perfect for transporting the soldier and his heavy equipment up to the device without endangering others. The scooter, which has containers for storing equipment on both sides, is small enough to fit in the trunk of a car and can be lifted easily by a soldier, Rominger said.

"If we are on an incident it saves a lot of walking. Wearing the extra weight and carrying all your

tools, it saves a lot of energy in a high-heat environment," he said.

The Segway also comes in handy for administrative runs among barracks on post, he added. However, Rominger said he would not like to see every soldier provided with a Segway because of the positive health benefits of walking around post.

The Segway is easy to ride. Foot buttons allow you to move forward or backward simply by shifting weight, and twisting the handlebar guides turning.

The 718th got its Segway on loan from the U.S. Navy after one of its soldiers completed a training and maintenance course for the device.

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If left in the "on" position, the cleaner's rotor can lock up and cause the unit to overheat, posing a smoke and fire hazard, according to the CPSC.

The recalled vacuum cleaner stands about 4 feet tall and has a green base and silver pole. UPC numbers, printed on the product's packaging, under recall are 37000-46522 and 37000-02553.

The Sweep+Vac was sold at Army and Air Force Exchange Service stores from September to November. Consumers should stop using the product immediately and disconnect the cleaner by removing the top section of the pole to eliminate possible overheating. Overseas customers should return the Sweep+Vac to their AAAFES store for a full refund.

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## Santa festival

MISAWA, Japan — Santa Claus is coming to Aomori Prefecture. The 17th Annual Joulupukki (Finnish for "Santa") Festival is Saturday and Sunday at Santaland in Iwazaki Village.

The highlight of the festival is a visit from a Finnish Santa Claus, who comes all the way from Finland with a herd of reindeer to deliver special messages and presents to children in northern Japan, according to Simon Bernard, Aomori Prefecture liaison.

Call Bernard at commercial 54-2927 or e-mail him at [bernard@infoaomori.jp](mailto:bernard@infoaomori.jp), for more information about the festival or on local accommodations.

From staff reports

# Sasebo continues Angel Tree tradition

BY GREG TYLER

Stars and Stripes

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan — About 130 children from two area children's homes each will receive a special gift and visit from Santa Claus thanks to church congregations at the main base facility and Hario Housing Village.

Community members donated what appeared to be a small truckload of Christmas presents through the Angel Tree program operated each year through the Religious Ministries department at both facilities.

For 13 years, administrative assistant Mari Demoto has coordinated the effort.

"I enjoy doing this for the children," said Demoto, a Sasebo city resident. "I don't think about doing this as part of my job because it gives me so much joy to see how happy this makes the children when they come to visit the base."

Each year, community members select the name of a child from a Christmas tree designated



GREG TYLER/Stars and Stripes

Mari Demoto, administrative specialist with Sasebo Naval Base's Religious Ministries Department, sits among a huge pile of wrapped gifts. These gifts and others will be given to children from two local orphanages at upcoming events. The gifts were donated by the base community through the annual Angel Tree Program.

as the "Angel Tree." Then they buy a gift — age- and gender-appropriate and costing about \$15 — specifically for that child, officials said.

At noon Saturday, 50 children

from the Seibo No Kishi children's home will visit the Hario Chapel to enjoy a traditional Christmas meal, meet Santa Claus, receive gifts and present a special performance they've prac-

ticed for the event.

"The children have worked very hard on the performance, and they are anxious to show what they have learned," Demoto said.

In addition, at noon Dec. 18, about 30 children from Omura Kodomo Children's Home will visit the Community and Education Center on the main base facility for a similar experience. They, too, will receive gifts collected through the program.

Both groups also will have an opportunity to sit on Santa's lap, sing traditional Christmas carols and hear the Christmas story, said Lt. Sunny Mitchell, a base chaplain. "It gives us the chance to share our holiday from a religious and cultural point of view, while giving a nice blend of both."

"This is a good thing to do," she said, "because it gives us the chance to reach out beyond the gates of CFAS [Commander, Fleet Activities Sasebo] into the Japanese community."

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## Compete: Annual AF event takes place at Misawa

COMPETE, FROM PAGE 4

Master Sgt. Edward McDaniels, weapons superintendent, 35th Maintenance Group, said evaluators need time to write up the results. Also, the flight chief for each team has the opportunity to argue any marks.

The quickest team doesn't always win, he said. "If they get a safety or reliability [deduction], those are your heaviest points right there."

Oversights that can whittle down a score include failing to set

a jet's parking brake before loading weapons or using the wrong fuse setting on a bomb, McDaniels and Ingalls said.

Members of both teams said Tuesday they were a bit worried about using a new bomb rack that can carry two cluster bomb units instead of one. The rack simplifies the loading process, but they only recently began training to use it.

Wiggins, on the 13th Aircraft Maintenance Unit team, still liked his team's chances despite a slower time.

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# 3rd MEB Marines on way to aid Philippines

BY DAVID ALLEN  
Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — About 600 Marines and sailors with the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade began leaving Tuesday to provide disaster relief to the Philippines, struggling to recover after two tropical storms and a typhoon displaced at least 168,000 people in the past week, leaving more than 1,400 dead or missing.

The 3rd MEB troops will deliver relief supplies to distribution points, the Marines stated in a Tuesday evening news release. The Philippine government asked for help after heavy rain, flooding and landslides almost destroyed the towns of Real, General Nakar and Infanta, the release stated, noting that Quezon Province and surrounding areas suffer from massive food and water shortages.

U.S. forces will stay in the Philippines to assist only as long as needed.

## Okinawa officials oppose relief planes using airport

Okinawa prefectural officials have confirmed they asked in writing that the U.S. Marines avoid using a civilian airport on remote Shimoi Island this week, even though the U.S. flights were to deliver aid to the storm-devastated Philippines.

The protest letter was symbolic; use of the airfield is granted to the U.S. military under an agreement with Japan's government. In a news release Tuesday evening announcing that about 600 Marines in the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade are headed for the Philippines to provide disaster relief, the Marines stated, "3rd MEB aircraft, equipment and personnel from Okinawa must transit by way of Shimoi Island."

Tadanobu Higa, Military Affairs Office director for Okinawa's prefectural government, said deciding to protest the landings "was a difficult decision for us to make because the mission of the military aircraft was for humanitarian aid."

ed to help the Philippine government with storm relief efforts, the release stated.

The U.S. Embassy in Manila announced earlier that it is providing emergency funds to the Philippine National Red Cross to help with storm victims' immediate needs.

Also, the embassy's Joint U.S. Military Assistance group was coordinating with the Philippine military "to assess and determine U.S. military resources that could be provided to further support the disaster assistance efforts," an embassy news release stated.

"The United States and the American Embassy in Manila are very concerned for the welfare of the people who are suffering from these natural disasters," the embassy said in its statement. "We continue to be in communication with the Philippine Government to determine how we can best assist."

A Marine spokesman on Okinawa

stated Tuesday that a small team of Marines from Okinawa already was in the Philippines to "assess the situation." An embassy spokeswoman told the Philippine Star that 14 Marines from Okinawa were helping in relief efforts and other U.S. servicemembers, already there for joint military exercises, would stay for another week.

Philippine news media reported

the U.S. Agency for International Development donated \$200,000, as well as body bags and plastic shelter material, to the Philippine National Red Cross. Francis Ricciardone, U.S. ambassador to the Philippines, announced the United States also would provide electric generators and helicopters to airlift evacuees from the more remote areas pummeled by the storms.

Ricciardone helicoptered Sunday over wrecked villages in Quezon. "The devastation was worse than I had imagined," he told reporters. "It was quite distressing — logs everywhere, mud everywhere, roads were cut off in many places and bridges were down."

Chiyou Sumida contributed to this report.  
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# Karzai sworn in as Afghan president

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghan President Hamid Karzai took the helm Tuesday of a country whose revival is threatened by a surging drug trade and a stubbornly persistent Taliban insurgency, pledging in his inaugural address to bring stability and prosperity, even as rebels launched a fresh wave of deadly attacks near the Pakistani border.

With the speeches over and foreign dignitaries departing his solemn swearing-in ceremony, the affable Karzai will come under growing pressure to heal ethnic divisions and repair this war-ravaged country's decrepit infrastructure, challenges that promise to linger throughout his five-year mandate.

Karzai appeared jittery as he repeated an oath of allegiance read to him by Afghanistan's chief justice. Still, he recovered his poise in a confident speech before 600

guests, including U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, outlining his agenda to meet ordinary Afghans' sky-high expectations.

He canted toward America — which still has 18,000 troops stationed in Afghanistan and is providing billions in other aid — for particular thanks, while underlining the continued need of international support.

Afghan and international forces keen to protect Karzai's inaugura-

tion mounted their biggest security operation since the Oct. 9 election that gave him a landslide victory. Still, overnight assaults near the Pakistani frontier that left 12 dead provided a reminder of threats to the country's stability.

Dozens of suspected Taliban rebels armed with assault rifles and rockets attacked an Afghan military base in Khost province, sparking a fire-fight that left four Afghan soldiers and at least six militants dead, an Afghan commander said.

## Militants sought U.S. citizens

Victims recall attack on U.S. Consulate in Jiddah

BY FAIZA SALEH ALBAH

The Associated Press

JIDDAH, Saudi Arabia — The militants stormed into the compound's inner courtyard, firing their guns from behind trees, bursting into offices and shouting: "Where are the Americans? Where are the Americans?"

Lying in hospital beds, wounded U.S. Consulate workers on Tuesday provided new details about an attack that killed nine and injured at least 10. It also showed America's continued vulnerability to terrorist groups capable of conducting sophisticated surveillance, even on the most heavily guarded sites.

The militants "clearly understood how cars entered the compound, and they were conducting surveillance," U.S. Ambassador James C. Oberweiser said.

He contended security measures largely had worked because the attackers' car could not get past the consulate gate, forcing them to enter the grounds on foot. The attackers also never made it to the main consulate buildings, where most Americans worked.

To bolster diplomatic security, Defense Department officials said a Marine Corps anti-terror team would go to Jiddah. Typically, there are 50 Marines in such teams, trained in providing security and conducting raids in urban areas.

The five slain consulate employees were from Yemen, Sudan, the Philippines, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

The director of King Fahd Hospital said a total of 10 wounded were brought there, and eight remained Tuesday.

One of the wounded consulate employees, Salah Abdel Qawi Alyafee of Yemen, said the militants first stormed into the consulate courtyard, then held people as human shields as Saudi forces rushed in and engaged in a fierce gunbattle.

"Each one of the terrorists took a group of us and they started shooting at the [Saudi] guards," he said. "And thanks to God, the Saudis did not shoot at random. They aimed at the terrorists."

Other wounded employees said the attackers burst into a guard-house looking for Americans after first entering the courtyard.

"They shot our door and they went into our office," said Abbel Gaber, a Sri Lankan man who had been hired by a local guard company. "They asked us, 'Where are the Americans?' We said, 'We don't have any Americans.'"

The attackers then told him and others, "to put up our hands and say, 'Allahu Akbar' and 'Allahu Akbar,'" he said.

The attackers stayed inside the office, shooting at occasion until Saudi forces arrived and a bigger shootout began, Gaber said.

He was hit from behind and fell down, waking later to see two dead men nearby.

Associated Press reporter Hasan Jamal in Jiddah contributed to this report.

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# Abizaid: One of troops in Iraq may shift

BY BRADLEY GRAHAM  
The Washington Post

CAMP AS SAYLIYAH, Qatar — Army Gen. John Abizaid, the commander of U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf region, raised the possibility Monday that U.S. forces in Iraq could start to be reshaped as early as next year to reduce the number of combat troops and concentrate on the development of Iraqi security forces.

Abizaid declined in an interview to set a timetable for the shift, saying it would depend on the outcome of national elections in January and evidence that Iraqi forces could assume a greater share of combat operations against the country's entrenched insurgency.

This outlook, expressed by Abizaid and other senior U.S. commanders, comes in the face of a series of brazen attacks by insurgents intent on disrupting the elections and terrorizing Iraq's fledgling security services. The violence, together with a campaign of intimidation aimed at those associated with the new governing structures or with the Americans, has deepened perceptions of insecurity, particularly in areas heavily populated by Sunni Arabs. It also contributed to a Pentagon decision last week to boost the U.S. force to 150,000 troops.

While acknowledging concern about the performance of Iraqi forces and about heavy insurgent

activity in such key cities as Mosul, Abizaid said he also saw reasons to be optimistic.

"What's encouraging to me is that despite the very high levels of intimidation, that there are plenty of people within the Sunni Arab community who are coming forward, both politically and militarily, to play a role in the future of their country," the general said.

Abizaid said the reshaping of the force would make combat operations by U.S. and other foreign troops "secondary to the training effort." That would mean, among other changes, "more embedded trainers" and possibly a larger number of special operations forces in place of conventional ones, he said.

The multinational force, he added, would be smaller, more mobile and "more focused on presence than it is on conducting day-to-day combat operations," but it would remain available to back up Iraqi troops if needed.

"We can't predict what's going to happen after the elections," he said. "But if the circumstances are such that, as in Afghanistan, the political process leads to better security... and if the Iraqi security forces start to get in terms of leadership and seasoning in important areas around the country... which I think will happen... then we can talk about reshaping our forces."

The performance of Iraqi force

es under fire has been uneven, with many Army and National Guard units tending to hold their ground but local police often proving little match for insurgents. Abizaid acknowledged that the homegrown forces generally "are not as mature as they need to be for the security environment that's going to exist in the next several months," which he said led to the increase in the U.S. force.

Abizaid admitted being especially worried about the situation in Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city, where most of the 6,000-member police force collapsed a month ago under attack and intimidation and where U.S. forces have remained hard-pressed to re-establish order.

## Tillman: Splitting platoon cited in Ranger's death inquiry

TILLMAN, FROM PAGE 3

Kensinger's May 29 announcement that fratricide was "probable" came from an executive summary supplied by Central Command only the night before, he said. Because Kensinger was unfamiliar with the underlying evidence, he felt he could not answer questions, Bush said.

For its part, Central Command, headquartered at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla., handled the disclosures "in accordance with [Department of Defense] policies," Lt. Cmdr. Nick Black, a command spokesman, said in an e-mail responding to questions. Asked specifically why Central Command withheld any suggestion of fratricide when, by April 26, Army investigators had collected at least 14 witness statements describing the incident, Black wrote in an e-mail: "The details of this incident were not known until the completion of the investigation."

The U.S. military has confronted a series of prominent friendly fire cases in recent years, in part because hair-trigger technology and increasingly lethal remote-fire weapons can quickly turn relatively small mistakes into deadly tragedies. Yet the military's justice system has few consistent guidelines for such cases, according to specialists in Army law. Decision-making about how to mete out justice rests with individual unit commanders who often work in secret, acting as both investigators and judges.

"You can have tremendously divergent outcomes at a very low level of visibility," said Eugene R. Fidell, president of the National Institute of Military Justice and a visiting lecturer at Harvard Law School. "That does not necessarily contribute to public confidence in the administration of justice in the military."

Working in private last spring, the 75th Ranger Regiment moved quickly to investigate and wrap up the case, Army records show.

Immediately after the incident, platoon members generated after-action statements and investigators working in Afghanistan gathered logs, documents and details. The investigation interviewed platoon members and senior officers to reconstruct the chain of events. By early May, the evidence made clear in precise detail how the disaster unfolded.

Investigators had to decide whether low-ranking Rangers had died the shooting had followed their training or had fired so recklessly that they should face military discipline or criminal charges. The investiga-

tors also had to decide whether more senior officers whose decisions contributed to the chain of confusion around the incident were liable.

Reporting formally to Col. Nixon in Bagram on May 8, the case's chief investigator offered nine specific conclusions, which Nixon endorsed, according to the records.

Among them:

- The decision by a Ranger commander to divide Tillman's 2nd Platoon into two groups, despite the objections of the platoon's leader, "created serious command and control issues" and "contributed to the eventual breakdown in internal Platoon communications." The Post could not confirm the name of the officer who issued this command.

- The A Company commander's order to the platoon leader to get "boots on the ground" at his mission objective created a "false sense of urgency" in the platoon, which, "whether intentional or not," led to a "hasty plan." That officer's name also could not be confirmed by The Post.



Former Arizona Cardinals player and Pat Tillman's brother-in-law Alex Garwood bows his head during a May 4 memorial service for the fallen Army Ranger in San Jose, Calif. The Army went more than one month after Tillman's death before publicly acknowledging the possibility the former NFL player was killed by friendly fire.

## Army reopens Tillman investigation

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Army has opened a new investigation into the friendly fire death in Afghanistan of Pat Tillman, officials said Monday.

Army officials said Tillman's family sought additional information about circumstances of his April 22 death, but the fundamental account of the battle in which he was killed is not being challenged.

Tillman was a Special Operations Command, based at Fort Bragg, N.C., is con-

ducting the investigation, said command spokesman Carl Darby.

Then-acting Army Secretary Les Brownlee ordered the new investigation in mid-November based on the family's questions, Army officials said.

The results of the original Army investigation were released on May 29. It found that Tillman was shot to death on April 22 after a U.S. soldier mistakenly fired on a friendly Afghan soldier in Tillman's unit, and other U.S. soldiers then fired in the same direction.

ing Baker, accepted administrative punishments that led to demotions but no incarceration, according to sources involved in the case. Baker left the Rangers on an honorable discharge when his enlistment ended last spring, while others who were in his truck remain in the Army, these sources said.

It could not be learned what actions — if any — were taken against the more senior officers who pressured the platoon leader and ordered him to divide his force, over his objections. Army spokesmen declined to comment, citing privacy rules and Pentagon policy.

And because there is no uniform, openly published military case law about when friendly fire cases cross the line from accident to crime, commanders are free to interpret that line for themselves.

Short of manslaughter, the most common charge leveled in fratricide is dereliction of duty, or what the military code calls "culpable inefficiency" in the performance of duty, according to military law specialists. This violation is defined in the Pentagon's official Manual for Courts Martial as "inefficiency for which there is no reasonable or just excuse."

In judging whether this standard applies to a case such as Tillman's death, prosecutors are supposed to decide whether the accused person exercised "that degree of care which a reasonably prudent person would have exercised under the same or similar circumstances."

Even if a soldier or officer is found guilty under this code, the punishments are limited to demotions and minor discipline such as extra duty.

Records in the Tillman case do not make clear if Army commanders considered more serious punishments than this against the Rangers involved in the case, or if, as they were apparently rejected.

Washington Post staff writer Josh White contributed to this report.

- Sgt. Greg Baker, the lead gunner in the Humvee that poured the heaviest fire on Ranger positions "failed to maintain his situational awareness," a key moment of the battle and "failed" to direct the firing of other gunners in his vehicle.

- The other gunners "failed to positively identify their respective targets and exercise good fire discipline... Their collective failure to exercise fire discipline, by confirming the identity of their targets, resulted in the shootings of Corporal Tillman."

The chief investigator appeared to reserve his harshest judgments for the lower-ranking Rangers who died the shooting rather than the higher-ranking officers who oversaw the mission. While his judgments about the senior officers focused on process and communication problems, the chief investigator wrote about the failures in Baker's truck: "While a great deal of discretion should be granted to a leader who is making difficult judgments in the heat of combat, the Command also has a responsibility to hold its leaders accountable when that judgment is so wanton or poor that it places the lives of other men at risk."

Gen. John P. Abizaid, CENTCOM's commander in chief, formally approved the investigation's conclusions May 28 under an aide's signature and forwarded the report to Special Operations commanders "for evaluation and any action you deem appropriate to incorporate relevant lessons learned."

- The field investigation's findings raised another question for Army commanders: Were the failures that resulted in Tillman's death serious enough to warrant administrative or criminal charges? In the military justice system, field officers such as Nixon, commander of the 75th Ranger Regiment, can generally decide such matters.

At least two low-ranking Rangers, includ-

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## Flu shot shortage

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Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said the government was immediately buying 1.2 million doses of the vaccine, called Fluairix, which will be available this month, and said British manufacturer GlaxoSmith-Kline had agreed to make about 3 million more doses available later.

"It will allow us to get more vaccine into the hands of those who need it most," Thompson said.

The German-made vaccine, Fluairix, has not been licensed for use in the United States, so it can be available as an investigational new drug, meaning that it can be used but patients will have to sign a consent form acknowledging there could be risks.

On Monday, the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention cautioned health care officials to remain alert even though the flu season has begun slowly, with no widespread outbreak reported.

The FDA has been working since October to arrange for additional flu shots that were not made for U.S. consumption.

From The Associated Press

# Bush thanks Pendleton troops

By DEB RIECHMANN

The Associated Press

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — President Bush, appearing before cheering U.S. forces Tuesday, declared that terrorists won't be able to control Iraq's destiny because "free people will never choose their own enslavement."

Bush said that as election day approaches on Jan. 30, "we can expect further violence" but also said that the balloting must go forward.

A large crowd of Marines clad in tan-and-green camouflage uniforms belted "oorah" as Bush, who donned a tan military-style jacket with epaulets, thanked U.S. forces. He said the bravery and sacrifice of the troops has made America safer.

"You see, the terrorists understand what is at stake," the president said. "They know they have no future in a free Iraq."

"They know democracy will give Iraqis a stake in the future of their country," Bush said. "When Iraqis choose their leader in free elections, it will destroy the myth that the terrorists are fighting a bogus occupation and make clear that what the terrorists really are fighting is the will of the Iraqi people."

Bush addressed troops at a sta-



President Bush is escorted by U.S. Naval officers, left, and U.S. Marine officers to an awards ceremony at Miramar Marine Corps Air Station on Tuesday in San Diego. Bush addressed troops at Camp Pendleton, which has experienced one of the highest casualty rates in Iraq.

dium at Camp Pendleton in southern California, which has experienced one of the highest casualty rates in Iraq.

More than 21,000 troops from the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, based at Camp Pendleton, are serving in al-Anbar province in Iraq.

They belong to units that have

done house-to-house searches for weapons in Fallujah, handed out food and water to Iraqi citizens, taken fire from rocket launchers and fought masked insurgents toting AK-47s.

Bush planned lunch with troops and a meeting with families of servicemembers at this military base, 38 miles north of

San Diego.

Speaking on the 63rd anniversary of Pearl Harbor, Bush suggested ways Americans can actively support the troops.

Several options include a Defense Department program called "America Supports You," designed to showcase support for the military from individuals, businesses and groups as a way of encouraging others to do the same.

The ongoing insurgency in Iraq and upcoming elections on Jan. 30 dominated the president's meeting at the White House on Monday with Iraqi interim President Ghazi al-Yawer. Postponing the election, both leaders said, would amount to giving a concession to insurgents.

More than 200 U.S. troops from units based at Camp Pendleton have died since the beginning of Iraqi Freedom in March 2003, according to a Defense Department casualty count.

Among their missions, Camp Pendleton Marines were among the thousands of U.S. and Iraqi troops that fought recently to secure the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah.

## House agrees to vote on 9/11 intelligence bill

By JESSE J. HOLLAND

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Republican-controlled House agreed Tuesday to vote to overhaul the nation's intelligence agencies now that President Bush and House Armed Services chairman Duncan Hunter have endorsed a provision guaranteeing battlefield commanders access to top-secret information.

A vote could come late Tuesday, House Intelligence chairman Pete Hoekstra, R-Mich., said, after getting the approval of the majority of House Republicans at a morning meeting.

While several House Republicans still oppose the compromise version of the bill, Hoekstra is confident the legislation will win the approval of a majority of the House GOP — a condition set by House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill.

"We feel good about what is in the bill," Hoekstra said.

Bush has called on Congress for months to pass legislation implementing the Sept. 11 commission's recommendations to protect the nation from terrorists. But House GOP leaders have been holding up the bill because of Hunter's concerns that it might interfere with the military's ability to get vital information.

But Hunter now supports it be-

cause House-Senate negotiators added language to ensure that Defense Department officials would have priority in battlefield areas over the nation's spy satellites and other intelligence equipment.

The California congressman had worried about a new national intelligence director, a position the legislation would create to coordinate spy agencies, would have been able to insert himself into the chain of command from the president to the commanders in the field.

Lawmakers from both parties expect the bill to pass and said its reforms were long overdue.

"We have not in 50 years changed the intelligence system. We've never walked away from the Cold War model," Sen. Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Intelligence Committee, said Tuesday on CBS' "The Early Show."

"We now have a bill which will pass both houses. I hope, that will change the intelligence system and head it in the right direction."

Even if some Republicans oppose the bill, supporters in the House and Senate say they have enough votes to pass the legislation. The legislation also would cement into law the existence of a national countintelligence center to coordinate the nation's fight against terrorism.

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# Attacks on WTC deemed to be separate

BY LARRY NEUMEISTER

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center was two separate occurrences for insurance purposes, a federal jury decided, meaning leaseholder Larry Silverstein stands to collect up to \$4.6 billion.

The trial, which ended after 11 days of deliberations, was the first in which separate occurrences for insurance purposes were asked to decide whether the terrorist attack that killed 2,749 people could be considered two attacks since two planes hit two separate towers.

The verdict Monday in U.S. District Court in Manhattan was the latest twist in

Silverstein's efforts to file separate claims for \$7 billion, or two full payouts under the \$3.5 billion worth of insurance coverage he took out on the trade center complex.

Silverstein lost a first trial on the issue earlier this year, but a separate jury said Monday that Silverstein is entitled to collect a double payout from nine insurers who accounted for \$1.1 billion of the overall coverage.

In the earlier trial, the jury rejected Silverstein's contention that an insurance document defining the attack as one event did not bind some of the 24 insurance companies holding the bulk of the coverage.

Silverstein still must go to a three-person appraisal panel to collect the money. The insurers are expected to appeal the decision.

In a statement, Silverstein said he was thrilled with the verdict and cast it as a victory for all New Yorkers because it secures additional money to rebuild the trade center complex.

"I strongly felt, and the jury agreed, that the destruction of the twin towers by two separate airplanes at two separate times was two separate occurrences and that these insurers have an obligation to pay their fair share to help make Lower Manhattan whole again," he said.

Regardless of the insurance payout, Silverstein and redevelopment officials have promised to rebuild the trade center complex in the next decade, including 10 million square feet of office space, a memorial and cultural buildings.

The insurance companies involved in the case were: Travelers Indemnity Co., Industrial Risk Insurers, Royal Indemnity Co., Allianz Insurance Co., Tokio Marine and Fire Insurance Co., Twin City Fire Insurance Co., Tig Insurance Co., Westfield WTC LLC and Zurich American Insurance Co.

In her closing argument, lawyer Carolyn H. Williams argued on behalf of the companies that the hijacked planes were like guided missiles and that the insurance payout should not depend on whether the terrorists used "one or two or 10 or 100 weapons."

On behalf of Silverstein, attorney Bernard Nussbaum said there was precedent in the insurance industry to find the terrorism was two events.

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# Survivors mark Pearl Harbor anniversary

With death cutting their ranks, retired sailors return to honor 429 men lost on USS Oklahoma

BY JAYMES SONG  
The Associated Press

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — Paul Goodyear was standing on a signal bridge on the starboard side of the USS Oklahoma in 1941 when bombs started falling from the sky and torpedoes zeroed in. Explosions, screams, chaos and gunfire shattered the calm morning of that Dec. 7, and within 12 minutes, the massive battleship rolled over and capsized, trapping hundreds of men below decks.

Sixty-three years later, Goodyear can still hear their cries and tapping for help.

Goodyear, 86, and a dwindling number of survivors returned to the site of their most haunting memories to honor the 429 men from the Oklahoma and nearly 2,000 others who died in the Japanese sneak attack that plunged the United States into World War II.

"There's a great bond between us," Goodyear said.

Goodyear was a 23-year-old petty officer in 1941 whose life was saved when, after he jumped into the burning waters of the harbor, someone threw him a line from the USS Maryland and he was able to pull himself up.

The USS Oklahoma suffered the second-highest number of Pearl Harbor casualties behind the USS Arizona, where most of its 1,177 killed crewmen remain entombed after the ship sank.

"I could see the torpedo coming and I was yelling at the gunner to shoot the bastard down," said Goodyear, of Casa Grande, Ariz.

The anniversary was marked with simultaneous ceremonies Tuesday aboard the USS Arizona Memorial above that sunken battleship, and on shore. Each ceremony featured a moment of silence at 7:55 a.m. — the minute the attack started.

Goodyear, head of the USS

Oklahoma Survivors Association, joined four other survivors and about two dozen friends and family Monday evening for the unveiling of a permanent exhibit on the Oklahoma.

Although they were pleased with the small exhibit in the Arizona museum, survivors of the USS Oklahoma are pressing for a permanent memorial.

"I've written every congressman," said George Brown, 83. "I'll doubt I'll ever see it."

Goodyear said he also wants the USS Arizona Memorial's name changed to the Pearl Harbor Memorial or the Memorial of the Pacific.

"The kids on the Arizona died one of the most merciful deaths known to man, whereas the kids on the Oklahoma suffered one of the most horrible, traumatic demises known to man and yet no one knows the Oklahoma was here," he said. "They suffered casualties and they should be remembered, but there were other ships there, too, and that's our beef."

The National Park Service, which operates the Arizona Memorial, said it is considering changing the name and broadening the museum's scope.

When it sank, the Oklahoma was anchored off Ford Island on Battleship Row in the middle of the harbor, next to the USS Maryland. The Oklahoma took the brunt of the torpedoes, leaving the Maryland relatively intact.

The Oklahoma was refloated in 1943 and sold for scrap after the war, but it sank in the Pacific while being towed to California.

Japan's surprise attack on Pearl Harbor and other military bases on Oahu lasted two hours. Twenty-one ships were heavily damaged, and 320 aircraft were damaged or destroyed. In all, about 2,390 people were killed and about 1,178 were wounded, according to the National Park Service, which maintains the Arizona site.



AP photos

After the dedication ceremony for the new exhibit for the USS Oklahoma at the USS Arizona Memorial Museum in Pearl Harbor on Monday, Paul Goodyear, 86, of Casa Grande, Ariz., shows where he was stationed as a signalman aboard the Oklahoma on Dec. 7, 1941. The Oklahoma, hit by as many as nine Japanese torpedoes that morning, capsized and sank.

## A Pearl Harbor quiz

BY LISA HOFFMAN

Scripts Howard News Service

As another anniversary of that infamous day passes, America's personal connection to the Pearl Harbor attack is receding farther and farther into history.

But even with the passing years, and despite the dwindling of the ranks of servicemen who survived the Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese assault on U.S. forces in Hawaii, the day remains one of the most pivotal in the nation's past.

Even today, history buffs, World War II vets and school kids flock to Internet sites to discuss both the minutiae and big picture of the fateful attack, which occurred 63 years ago Tuesday.

Here's a quiz to test your own Pearl Harbor knowledge:

1. On which Hawaiian island were U.S. forces based?  
a. Hawaii b. Luau c. Oahu
2. How many Japanese planes were launched in the first wave of attack?  
a. 75 b. 183 c. 225
3. Of the eight U.S. battleships at Pearl Harbor, how many were sunk or badly damaged?  
a. 5 b. 7 c. 8
4. Which was the only battleship to get under way during the attack?  
a. USS Nevada b. USS Virginia c. USS Mississippi
5. How long did the Japanese attack last?  
a. 30 minutes b. one hour c. between one and two hours
6. How many Americans lost their lives on the stored USS Arizona battleship?  
a. 880 b. 810 c. 1,177
7. Who was the commander of the Japanese fleet?  
a. Isoroku Yamamoto b. Takajiro Onishi c. Sadatoshi Tomioka
8. Who was the U.S. commander of the American fleet at Pearl Harbor?  
a. Harold E. Kimmel b. Kirk E. Husband c. Husband E. Kimmel
9. What was the weather forecast code used by the Japanese in a news bulletin to signal the attack?  
a. earth wind fire b. north south sun c. east west clouds
10. At about what time did the attack begin that Sunday morning?  
a. 6 a.m. b. 7 a.m. c. 8 a.m.

Answers: 1. c, 2. b, 3. a, 4. a, 5. c, 6. c, 7. a, 8. c, 9. c, 10. c.



George Smith, 80, of Tenino, Wash., left, and George Brown, 83, of Honolulu, salute before the dedication ceremony for the USS Oklahoma exhibit at the Arizona Memorial Museum in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on Monday. A new exhibit was being unveiled to honor the 429 men from the Oklahoma who died in the Dec. 7, 1941, attack.

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# Math skills don't add up for U.S. teens

## New test scores show 23 of 39 nations polled top America

BY BEN FELLER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Compared with their peers in Europe, Asia and elsewhere, U.S. 15-year-olds are below average when it comes to applying math skills to real-life tasks, new test scores show.

The U.S. students were behind most other countries in overall math literacy and in every specific area tested in 2003, from geometry and algebra to statistics and computation.

The latest scores from the Program for International Student Assessment also show that white U.S. students scored above average, while blacks and Hispanics scored below it. That achievement gap has become the focus of federal education policy.

Outgoing Education Secretary Rod Paige called the new scores a "blinking warning light" as the Bush administration seeks to raise expectations and expand testing in high school.

The international test is not a measure of grade-level curriculum, but rather a gauge of 15-year-olds' skills and how well students can apply them to problems they may face in life.

It also aims to give the United States an external reality check about how it is doing.

Jack Jennings of the independent Center on Education Policy said the test is more a measure of how math is taught than what students know. Many U.S. math classes teach analytical or theoretical thinking, not everyday math application.

"You could have American kids knowing more math, it's just that they may test lower than other countries because their learning is not geared toward practical application," he said.

By comparison, scale scores on the United States' own math test, the National Assessment of Educational Progress, have risen sharply for fourth-graders and

eighth-graders since 1990. That test, however, differs in its content and in that it is geared by grade, not by age.

The international assessment measures math, reading and science literacy among 15-year-olds every three years. This time, the main focus was math.

Among 29 industrialized countries, the United States scored below 20 nations and above five in math. The U.S. performance was about the same as Poland, Hungary and Spain.

When compared with all 39 nations that produced scores, the United States was below 23 countries, above 11 and about the same as four others, with Latvia joining the middle group.

"We cannot afford to let the skills of our students fall behind the skills of students in other nations," said Joseph Tucci, chairman of the education task force of the Business Roundtable, an association of chief executive officers from major U.S. corporations.

The test is run by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, a Paris-based intergovernmental group of industrialized countries. The top math performers included Finland, Korea, the Netherlands, Japan, Canada, Belgium, Switzerland and New Zealand.

Compared with peers from the OECD countries, even the highest U.S. achievers — those in the top percent of U.S. students — were outperformed.

Deputy Education Secretary Eugene Hickok said at a news conference Monday that contributing factors included too few qualified math teachers and not enough effort to engage students in math at an early age.

Private researchers and the federal government will help reveal some underlying lessons for the United States by doing more analysis of the numbers, said Robert Lerner, commissioner of the Education Department's National Center for Education Statistics.

## Mediocre math

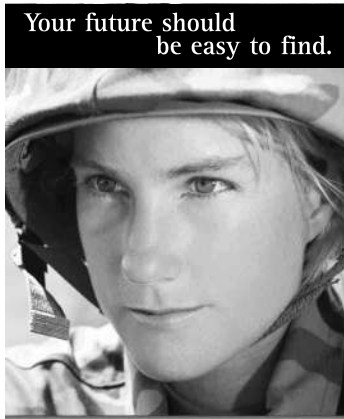
The United States scored in the median range of math literacy compared to other countries, according to an international test taken of 15-year-olds in 2003.

**Average math literacy scores of 15-year-old students by country, 2003**

Top-five scoring countries	
■ Middle five countries	
■ Bottom five countries	
Hong Kong	550
Finland	544
South Korea	542
Netherlands	538
Liechtenstein	536
Poland	490
Hungary	490
Spain	485
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## Technique helps define day-to-day happiness

The Washington Post

What makes people happy often has little to do with what people say makes them happy, new psychological research has found.

A poor night's sleep and time pressures at work are among the most powerful downers. Money and children, on the other hand, which people often say give them happiness, do not appear to lift people's moods on a day-to-day level.

"When people are asked how much they enjoy spending time with their kids, they think of all

the nice things," said Norbert Schwarz, a psychologist at the University of Michigan. "But they don't take the other times into account."

Schwarz and his collaborators developed a new technique for getting a better reading on people's actual quality of life. They ask people to make detailed diaries of each day's events, and later to rate each activity for the amount of satisfaction it gave.

"Saying that you generally don't enjoy spending time with your kids is terrible," Schwarz said in a

statement, "but admitting they were a pain last night is quite acceptable."

The technique, called the Day Reconstruction Method, found that simple social activities and watching television turned out to be among the most enjoyable daily activities, whereas being married or rich made relatively little difference to people's everyday moods. The study was conducted on 909 women by researchers at Michigan, Princeton, the University of California at San Diego and Stony Brook University. It appeared last week in the journal *Science*.

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## Fox shares ice with hockey star

It was difficult to tell who was more excited: Michael J. Fox for playing alongside former hockey star Gilbert Perreault, or the other way around.

"Man, it's very cool. It's thrilling," Fox said Saturday after meeting Perreault, a member of the Buffalo Sabres' famed French Connection of the 1970s. "I mean, I'm skating with the French Connection today. Give me a break. It's just insane. That's nuts. I love it."

The feeling was more than mutual. "I had a big thrill playing with him," Perreault said. "He's got a lot of guts. And good luck to him. He's a wonderful man."

The meeting was part of former Sabres captain Pat LaFontaine's Champions in Courage charity game to raise money for Buffalo Women and Children's Hospital. The event raised more than \$200,000 toward LaFontaine's goal of building a computer playroom for children at the hospital.

It was the second time on the ice in the past two months for Fox, 43, the "Back to the Future," "Family Ties" and "Spin City" star, who remains active while suffering from Parkinson's disease.

He played hockey while growing up in Canada. "I played in Ontario and then in Alberta and in Vancouver, and I never got good wherever I played," Fox joked.

## Piscopo embarrassed by some characters

Comedian Joe Piscopo wants to change the popular stereotypes of Italian-Americans promoted on television and in movies.

The former "Saturday Night Live" star attended a panel discussion at Seton Hall University on Saturday that examined why, according to one attendee, prejudice against Italians is tacitly accepted in popular culture.

Piscopo, who said he is embarrassed by some of the stereotypical Italian characters he has played, is at work on a movie that portrays an Italian-American family from northern New Jersey. He is determined to get the film made, though he said he has run into difficulties because it is not gangster-related.

## Trump wants \$500M from former employer

Donald Trump got fired. Now he's asking for \$500 million.

The real estate mogul and television star is offering to drop his breach of contract lawsuit against the Eastern Pequot tribe and the casino investors who replaced him in exchange for half a billion dollars.

"The figure was arrived at very carefully by people in the Trump organization who determined what likely income would have been generated had the Trump organization gone forward with the Eastern Pequot casino," Trump's lawyer, Robert I. Reardon, told The Day of New London.

The Eastern Pequot's attorney, however, says the tribe is not interested.

"I think a more appropriate valuation is the one he (Trump) put in his bankruptcy filing, which is zero," Lawyer Robert D. Tobin said.

Trump invested more than \$10 million through one of his subsidiary companies in an effort to help a faction of the tribe open a casino.

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# 'It's not all up to you'

## Despite tough-guy image, actor Willem Dafoe thrives on creative collaboration

BY ELAINE DUTKA  
Los Angeles Times

**W**illem Dafoe conjures up the image of a coiled intensity. During his quarter of a century on screen, he's played more than his share of villains and madmen. By his own admission, he was never "the boy next door."

Starting out as an extra in the ill-fated "Heaven's Gate," the actor was cast as a postmodernist heavy in 1985's "To Live and Die in L.A.," his breakthrough film, and nominated for a best supporting actor Oscar as the title character in 2000's "Shadow of the Vampire." He was also the Green Goblin in "Spider-Man" (a role that generated his own action doll), a kidnapper in "The Clearing" (2004) and a five-star general plotting to overthrow the government in Lee Tamahori's "XXX: State of

the Union," currently before the cameras.

Over lunch however, the actor reveals a softer side — more salacious ("medium, please") than red meat: He's not the Christ-like soldier he played in "Platoon," which earned him another best supporting actor nomination, nor the Savior himself, as in "The Last Temptation of Christ." But in a town where the media and their prey are often at arm's length, he was surprisingly chatty ("slow me down") and reflective. Holding forth on topics such as the relationship between acting and life and the benefits of age, the actor undercuts his philosophical riffs with an easy, self-deprecating laugh.

The subject at hand: The Wes Anderson comedy "The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou," set to open in New York and Los Angeles on Dec. 10. In it, Dafoe takes on the unlikely role of Klaus, a German engineer to Bill Murray's

pot-smoking, Jacques Cousteau-type oceanographer — a man in search of the jaguar shark that devoured his best friend.

Co-starring with Dafoe: Cate Blanchett as a very pregnant reporter, Owen Wilson as Murray's long-lost son, Anjelica Huston as Murray's disaffected wife, and Jeff Goldblum as her former husband. They all act as if they're capable when they haven't got a clue, explains Dafoe. It's "a portrait of pretension."

While Klaus was a comic departure for him, he identified with the character.

"We share an earnestness and loyalty," Dafoe says. "Like him, part of me is a blowhard. Part of me is a bully. Klaus comes off as an egomaniac but what he really wants is acceptance and love."

And Dafoe? "I ain't saying, I ain't saying," the actor retorts, munching on his radicchio salad.

Dressed in a black V-neck sweater and faded jeans, Dafoe looks less Hollywood and more downtown Manhattan, his adopted home.

A high school dropout, the Wisconsin native headed east in the mid-1970s and joined New York City's avant-garde Wooster Group.

Though it's hard to confirm, conventional wisdom has it that Dafoe has had more death scenes than any other mainstream actor — most notably in "Platoon" and "Last Temptation of Christ."

"I'm practicing so that when the time comes, I'll be really good at it," he quips, taking a last sip of espresso. "That's an ambition in itself. It's depressing to think that someone will account for my life in terms of the movies I've done."

His real fear is that he'll die tomorrow — and the world will say it has lost the Green Goblin.

"I guess there are worse things," the actor concludes, heading out into the rain-soaked streets. Flashing one of those serpentine smiles, he implores: "Don't make me sound pretentious."

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# Clinton heads launch Internet search engine

Site, backed by China, claims use of artificial intelligence will make it better than Google



Clinton

**NEW YORK** — Former president Bill Clinton on Monday helped launch a new Internet search company backed by the Chinese government which says its technology uses artificial intelligence to produce better results than Google Inc.

"I hope you all make lots of money," Clinton told executives at the launch of Accoona Corp., which donated an undisclosed amount to the William J. Clinton Foundation.

The Chinese government, one of several large backers, has granted Accoona a 20-year exclusive partnership with the China Daily Information Co., the government agency that runs an official Chinese and English Web site.

The deal gives Accoona data on some 5 million Chinese companies, which Accoona sees as a lucrative opportunity as U.S. businesses seek to do business in China ahead of the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.

The new company's executives in-

clude chairman Eckhard Pfeiffer, the former chief executive of Compaq Corp., and Stuart Kaider, a former business development director at online advertising company DoubleClick Inc.

Accoona takes its name from the Swahili phrase, "accoonata matata," for "no worries," popularized by Disney's film, "The Lion King."

The company seeks to distinguish itself from Google, Yahoo Inc. and a growing list of other search engine players by using artificial intelli-

gence to make the results more relevant, said Pfeiffer.

Unlike traditional search engines that seek specific "keyword" matches, Accoona will access Web pages that may have no exact keyword matches but are still relevant to the query, he explained.

"Accoona's artificial intelligence technology will elevate search engine performance to a new unprecedented level, allowing the most relevant search available today," Pfeiffer said.

## Former CIA director agrees to book deal

Extensive bidding for Tenet's memoirs reportedly drove price to top \$4 million

BY HILLEL ITALIE

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Former CIA Director George Tenet has agreed to terms with the Crown Publishing Group to write his memoirs, ending an extensive bidding war that involved more than a dozen publishers.

Financial terms were not disclosed Monday, but

but a rival publisher, who asked not to be identified, said bidding "easily" topped \$4 million.

Tenet, a holdover from the Clinton administration whose service under President Bush was marked by the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and the disputed intelligence behind the U.S.-led war against Iraq, will "candidly discuss what it was like working for two administrations, two political parties, and two very different national security teams," according to a statement issued Monday by Crown, a division of Random House Inc.

Books by former CIA officials have to be cleared by the agency, but Tenet's former spokesman at the CIA, Bill Harlow, said he was "confident that the director will be able to be candid, without running into any difficulties with the clearance process."

Tenet's representative in the negotiations, Washington, D.C., attorney Robert Barnett, added that Tenet "has been a participant in and witness to some of the most monumental events of our lifetime. His reflections will be fascinating to the reader, but will do nothing to jeopardize national security."

Barnett said the book, currently untitled and to be co-authored by Harlow, will likely come out at

the end of 2005 or early in 2006.

Although works by CIA directors do not have a history of commercial success, an insider work that criticized the agency was the best seller last summer, "Imperial Hubris: Why the West is Losing the War on Terror" was written under the pen name "Anonymous" by senior CIA officer Mike Scheuer. He resigned last month, citing a desire to speak more freely about problems in the hunt for Osama bin Laden and the debate over intelligence reform.

Tenet left the CIA in July after seven years as director. He was criticized for intelligence failures on his watch, including the terrorist attacks and the never-proven prewar allegations that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction. Nonetheless, Tenet next week will receive the nation's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Since leaving the agency, Tenet has signed on with the Washington Speakers Bureau. For a fee, often \$10,000 or more, the group sends Washington insiders to dinners, conventions and other events. Tenet is promoted as someone available to discuss democracy and terrorism.

According to limited press reports, Tenet draws on his experiences overseeing the CIA during an era that included the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and the Iraq invasion. He has called the Iraq intelligence "sloppy," but also defended the agency's personnel.

For instance, at an October speech at Georgia's Mercer University, Tenet said information does exist indicating that ousted Iraqi President Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction. Tenet also argued that the lack of "direct evidence of stockpiles" in Iraq does not mean that Saddam could not manufacture and deliver biological and chemical weapons, according to a report in the Macon Telegraph.

But, Tenet acknowledged, the CIA "probably connected too many dots" in its analysis of Saddam's weapons capability and intelligence agencies were not at their best.

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## Pair kidnapped

**PA** PHILADELPHIA — Two people kidnapped a woman and her 3-year-old daughter in Philadelphia during an attempt to collect a \$4,000 debt.

The man who owed the money was not at home when the pair showed up about 12:30 a.m., so they kidnapped the girl and her 29-year-old mother, police said.

Police arrested a 30-year-old man who was trying to collect a \$4,000 ransom being offered by undercover officers. The girl and her mother were not found.

During the search, police spotted a car that looked like the one used by the kidnappers and tried to pull it over, leading to a chase, crash and shootout. It turned out that the car was not the one used in the kidnapping.

The man involved in the shootout died at a hospital.

## Florida ballot review

**FL** MIAMI — A newspaper's review of ballots cast in three north Florida counties where registered Democrats heavily outnumbered Republicans showed just what officials reported: The counties' voters did on Election Day as they often do, voting for a Republican for president.

The Miami Herald review goes against Interneted rumors questioning whether there was a conspiracy against Sen. John Kerry in those counties.

Kerry won in much of South Florida, where voters vote on touch-screen machines that can't be checked.

Reporters for the newspaper went over more than 17,000 optical scan ballots cast in three rural counties mentioned by doubters: Suwannee, Lafayette and Union. All three are overwhelmingly Democratic in registration, but chose President Bush.

## Teen assaulted

**MA** BOSTON — Boston police said a 17-year-old girl who was waiting at an MBTA station was forced by a male friend to go to the basement of a nearby building, where she was sexually assaulted at gunpoint by at least 10 young men, some of whom she knew from school.

Police said the victim was standing at the Jackson Square stop in the Jamaica Plain neighborhood about 6 p.m. when she was forced to go to a nearby building.

At the time of the attack, the girl was visiting the area from a rural neighborhood in Boston. Her mother called police shortly after the girl arrived home.

Police said police were investigating whether the attackers were part of a street gang, or if the attack was part of an initiation rite.

## Drinking in Mexico

**TX** EL PASO — Minors headed to Mexico for a night of drinking could be turned away at the border if El Paso city officials have their way.

The City Council will ask the Legislature in its January session to approve a proposed measure allowing police to stop people younger than 18. While the aim is to stem teen drinking, critics say such a law would trample civil rights and

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may not do much good.

Crossing the Rio Grande into Juarez — where the drinking age is 18 and bartenders are not known for checking identification — has become a rite of passage. It's the same in Brownsville, Laredo and Eagle Pass, as well as most towns along the nation's 2,000-mile border with Mexico.

While police have long been aware of the problem, they've had trouble stopping it, even with officers stationed at border bridges.

Under the proposal placed on the city's legislative agenda, officers statewide would be able to turn away minors who don't have permission to cross from a parent or guardian.

The American Civil Liberties Union is concerned the law would create a presumption of guilt when no crime is committed.

## Surplus ideas

**VA** RICHMOND — Laggard behind their counterparts in the private sector, state government workers want a piece of a budget surplus that will likely total \$1 billion.

"An across-the-board salary increase of at least 6 percent is needed to help close the growing gap in salaries between the commonwealth and the private sector, and federal and local governments," the 18,000-member Virginia Governmental Employees' Association said.



## Holiday lights

Fireworks explode behind the Arkansas State Capitol, seen decorated with Christmas lights, during the annual lighting of the holiday lights at the Capitol in Little Rock, Ark.

The principal lobbying organization for state employees said the proposed pay raise for the 100,000-member work force is at the top of its wish list for the General Assembly's election-year session that will open Jan. 12.

Gov. Mark R. Warner and the candidates angling to succeed him are suggesting putting part of the surplus into the cash-strapped road program. Candidates for the House of Delegates, which is up for re-election, also are urging more spending on transportation.

## DNA convicts inmate

**NY** NEW YORK — A DNA sample taken from a man in prison for burglary led to his conviction in a 1993 rape on Thursday — nine years after the victim died of natural causes.

Michael Shaw, 43, faces up to 25 years in prison when he is sentenced Dec. 20.

DNA is now routinely taken from all convicted felons and stored in statewide databases. Shaw's sample taken in 1999 when he was in prison on a burglary charge — was matched against a database of DNA from unsolved crimes, and technicians found a match with DNA from the 1993 rape.

On Dec. 17, 2002 — when Shaw was to have been released from prison — detectives arrested him.

"They took my DNA three years ago, and now you come after me?" Assistant District Attorney Melissa Mourges quoted Shaw as complaining.

Prosecutors said the victim, a 44-year-old mother of two boys, was attacked in a building where she worked in a garment factory office. The attacker took about \$100 and her jewelry, cut her leg and raped her. She died in 1995.

## Passing on costs

**KY** FRANKFORT — Boaters will have to pay \$3 a day to use launch ramps at lakes in state parks beginning Jan. 1. The fees, to be collected at 14 lakes by the state parks department, will pay for ramp maintenance and help buy land for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

## City nixes transit hike

**PA** PHILADELPHIA — The city overruled plans by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority to make subway and bus rides the most expensive in the nation. The increase could still be implemented if the SEPTA board can override the veto by the city's two appointees. Under the plan, cash fares would jump from \$2 to \$3 to help close a \$62 million budget deficit.

## School consolidation

**VA** STAUNTON — State officials released a plan to bring Virginia's schools for the deaf and the blind to a single site. The General Assembly requested the report on how to consolidate the Staunton and Hampton campuses to save money. The report did not suggest a new location but said it must be centrally located if approved.



**Instant applesauce** An official inspects an accident site about two miles west of Casselton, N.D., along Interstate 94. A trucker hauling a load of apples rolled off the vehicle while heading east along the highway.



**Tying up loose ends** JoAnna Shumate, with Charleston's Office of Cultural Affairs, makes a Christmas bow on a stage at Marion Square in downtown Charleston, S.C., in preparation for some Christmas festivities.





## Skiing Santas in a row

Skied Santas ride the chair lift at Sunday River ski resort in Newry, Maine. Close to 200 skiing and snowboarding enthusiasts showed up on Santa outfits to earn a free day of skiing during the 5th annual Santa ski event.



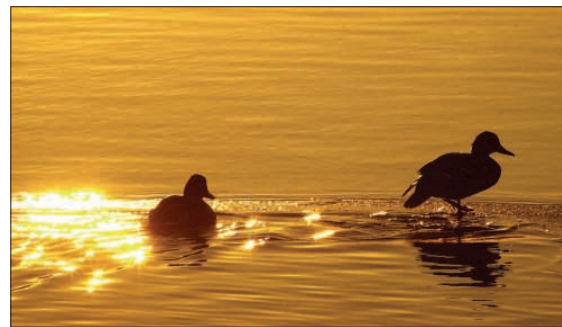
## Just the guys

Danny Kussam listens as his grandson, Carson Goldsmith, 6, talks about a play at the North Carolina State 1AA Eastern Regional Finals between the Wallace Rose Hill Bulldogs and the Pamlico Hurricane held at Dowdy-Ficklin Stadium in Greenville, N.C.



## Happy faces

Hilton Head (S.C.) Elementary School third-grader Abbie Bragg is the very definition of cheerful as she stands in line waiting to appear on stage during the school's "Miss Alaine Vocabulary Parade."



## Golden pond

A pair of ducks swim among sheets of ice on Silver Lake in Virginia, Minn., just as a late afternoon sun breaks through, giving the water a warm golden glow.

## Schools mishandle cash

**FL** WEST PALM BEACH — Dozens of Florida charter schools have budget deficits and problems with basic accounting procedures, a state report found. Nearly 30 percent of more than 200 charter schools ended the 2002-2003 school year with deficits. About 25 percent had problems with managing staff and 15 percent had trouble tracking spending. State education officials downplayed the findings, saying changes have been made to increase accountability.

## Defibrillators in question

**NY** ROCHESTER — An international study on the use of implanted defibrillators will be led by University of Rochester cardiologist Arthur J. Moss. The study will determine whether the devices can slow heart disease and help the heart work more efficiently. Guidant Corporation of Indianapolis, which makes the defibrillator, is providing the university more than \$30 million to conduct the study. Moss said preliminary data suggests the devices help prevent the development of heart failure.

## Boone grave search

**KY** PARIS — An association of Daniel Boone descendants, genealogists and historians are trying to confirm the final resting place of Edward "Ned" Boone, Daniel's brother. Ned Boone was buried in Bourbon County after being slain by Indians on Oct. 6, 1780. The Boone Society is trying to determine whether Ned Boone's remains were moved from the original burial site by the Rev. Richard Thomas in 1827.

## "Christmas" returns

**CO** DENVER — Seeking to avoid an emotionally charged battle, the mayor reversed a decision to remove the lights spelling out "Merry Christmas" from a city holiday display. Mayor John Hickenlooper said his office was flooded with complaints after he announced he would remove the message next year and replace it with the inclusive "Happy Holidays."

## Ghost for sale

**IN** HOBART — A woman's effort to assuage her 6-year-old son's fears of his grandfather's ghost by selling it on eBay has drawn more than 34 bids with a top offer of \$78.

Mary Anderson said she placed her father's "ghost" on the online auction site after her son, Collin, said he was afraid the ghost would return someday. Anderson said Collin has avoided going anywhere in the house alone since his grandfather died last year.

In a description titled "This isn't a joke," Anderson told Collin's story on eBay. "I always thought it was just normal kid fears until a few months ago he told me why he was so scared. He told me 'Grandpa died here, and he was mean. His ghost is still around here!'"

Lest the boy's fears scare off potential bidders, Anderson added, "My dad was the sweetest, most caring man you'd ever meet."

Some of the prospective buyers have posted their own messages.

"Your story brought tears to my

eyes," one bidder said. "I just wonder how this will turn out for your son. I'm sure his grandfather loved him very much."

Anderson also put her father's metal walking cane up for auction so she would have something to actually send the winning bidder.

The proceeds from the auction will go to buy Collin a special present, she said.

## Attorney kidnapped

**OK** OKLAHOMA CITY — A prominent criminal defense attorney was shot and kidnapped from his home by four people, then escaped when the suspects took him to a bank to withdraw money.

The suspects, two men and two women, took attorney Mark Henricksen, 50, and Brett Hubert, 27, hostage after shooting and wounding both of them in Henricksen's home, said Oklahoma City Police Capt. Jeffery Becker.

The next morning, the suspects took the men to a bank where they ordered Henricksen to withdraw cash. Henricksen called police while inside the bank alone.

Officers arrested the four suspects soon after. They could face charges of shooting with intent to kill, robbery, kidnapping and extortion, Becker said.

Becker said officers were investigating why Henricksen was targeted and whether the suspects knew him. They also were uncertain how the suspects got into Henricksen's home.

## Controller censured

**NV** CARSON CITY — The Nevada Senate censured the state controller of using state equipment for her 2002 re-election campaign, but dismissed two other counts that could have led to her removal from office. Senators voted to issue a censure — an official reprimand — against Kathy Augustine after convicting the two-term Republican on a 14-7 vote — the minimum two-thirds majority needed.

Augustine, the first state official impeached in Nevada history, was in tears after the other counts were dropped.

## Wife cashes out

**NY** NEW YORK — Money can't buy you love — not even \$149 million.

Juan Rodriguez, who collected the huge windfall in the Mega Millions lottery last month, is now on the outs with his wife, the New York Post reported. Iris Rodriguez wants a divorce from her husband of 17 years, and she filed the paperwork just 10 days after Juan bought the winning ticket on Nov. 19.

Iris Rodriguez is seeking a portion of her husband's huge lottery check, the Post said. Rodriguez, 49, opted to take his winnings in a single lump-sum payment of \$88.5 million before taxes.

Although the couple appeared together at a news conference after Rodriguez married the winning numbers, his wife had previously given him the boot over his financial difficulties. Rodriguez had filed for bankruptcy a month before his lottery win, and court papers showed he had just 78 cents in a savings account and owed \$44,000 to creditors.

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## Leaders don't need a CIB

As an infantry fire team leader, I am appalled at the amount of whining that the infantry has done over the Combat Infantryman Badge.

I am a firm believer in tradition, and I believe that the CIB should be kept within the ranks of the combat infantrymen.

I have been blessed with the honor of leading a team of the finest examples of infantrymen the Army has in its arsenal. I have led them onto the battlefield as well as carried them off. I held my head high when I pinned them with the CIBs that they courageously earned with bloodshed, sweat and tears.

I will continue to hold my head high when I tell you that I didn't receive a CIB due to the fact that I am not 11B

"qualified." I am the forward observer for the platoon that I am "attached" to. The cooks on my forward operating base have seen more combat than many of the infantrymen in theater being given a CIB.

Simply put, I think we need to reconsider who is given a CIB. Stop making a mockery of the Army's most prestigious "skill" badge.

I think it's strange that an exception to policy was made when a 13F was needed to lead 11Bs into combat, but cannot be awarded the CIB.

When we get back, I will continue to uphold the fine traditions of the artillery as I train my infantrymen. Follow me! King of Battle.

Sgt. T.J. Fox

Forward Operating Base Independence, Baghdad

## Sign on the dotted line, lose your rights

## BY RALPH NADER

Michael Sommer, a technology consultant, found out the hard way about one-way fine-print contracts as he checked in recently for a flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina. A United Airlines supervisor at the gate handed him a letter that decreed the cancellation of his 2 million frequent-flyer miles, dozens of flight coupons and his elite status.

United Airlines had audited his account, discovering violations of passenger program rules, which he denied so doing.

## Nader

Now, regardless of the violations alleged — such as missing dened boarding certificates, is this unilateral winking to the way to treat a loyal customer racking up more than 2 million frequent-flyer miles? Especially when United Airlines is in bankruptcy and presumably wanting to make friends and influence people to use its services? Sommer's case led The New York Times to further inquiries that resulted in finding that some other airlines are conducting these tougher "audits" of their most loyal customers and making decisions from special software that looks for suspicious patterns. These include, The Times reports, "claiming miles for a non-revenue ticket or using the wrong frequent-flyer card when requesting mileage credit."

The procedures are autocratic. Paul Dinsman, an economic consultant, found out about his audit only after US Airways

slammed down the gavel on him. "The airline didn't inform me in advance of the audit, nor did they offer me an opportunity to appeal," he complained.

What these seasoned travelers discover is that the fine print on most of these frequent-flyer programs declare the miles to be owned by the airline and they can be diluted, deadline or removed by the unbridled judgment of the carrier.

Sommer may contest this assertion by United Airlines in court. Thus far, the courts have not been congenial to passengers' claims to own and dilute the frequent-flyer program by requiring, for example, more miles, already earned, for a round trip.

American consumers are fast losing their contractual rights in the service area of the economy. Fine-print contracts, such as credit-card agreements, brokerage agreements and insurance policy contracts, are very one-sided and getting worse each year. Have you ever read the shrink-wrap license agreement after you buy software? More and more of these standard-form take-it-or-leave-it contracts contain binding arbitration clauses that prevent you from suing vendors to resolve a dispute. They even contain the ultimate mockery of the meaning of the word "contract" as a mutually binding agreement. The large companies increasingly stipulate in microscopic print that they reserve the unilateral right to change the terms of their sales agreement.

Well, you may say, you don't have to sign on the dotted line and can look for an-

other competitor to patronize. Sure, but the competitor has the same fine-print contract, whether General Motors or Ford, State Farm or Allstate, Citigroup or Bank of America.

These big-company standardized contracts regulate your relationship with the company. That fine print is enforceable in most courts.

Judges rarely invalidate these provisions anymore under the doctrine of unconscionability. These giant corporations have become their own private legislatures. Perhaps someday antitrust doctrine can be invoked if there is evidence of collusion by sellers to suppress competition in preprinted contractual offerings.

Meanwhile, the dotted line moves on to flat after flat, as in the recent proliferation of wholly unregulated stored value

cards offered to millions of desperate "unbanked" consumers. The control of peoples' money by the financial industry not only gouges with sky-high interest rates and penalties. It also ranks your credit rating, and credit score, in ways that deter your ability to complain and assigns you a number that determines where, how, when and whether you can or cannot buy.

Congress and the state legislatures are way behind the curve in protecting consumers here. It is time for citizens to start giving these lawmakers a scorecard for being absent without leave of the voters, thereby leaving them defenseless before these modern-day Mammons.

Ralph Nader is a consumer advocate and former independent presidential candidate.

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## Doonesbury



BY GARRY TRUDEAU

## OMBUDSMAN

## On balance, Stripes had successful campaign

Since July I have been reading and clipping all stories from Stars and Stripes about the Nov. 2 election in the United States. Last week I organized them by categories and reread them and made notes for this column.

## Ombudsman

The goal was to look at campaign coverage after the rhetoric was over and critique four aspects:

1. Was the coverage fair and balanced?
2. How well were the "surprise stories" of the campaign — President Bush's National Guard records and Sen. John Kerry's service in the Vietnam War — covered?

3. How much how well was information provided to help the voters understand the issues and the positions of the candidates?

How well did Stripes do in urging voting by personnel serving overseas?

Stripes' core mission is to provide to our military personnel serving overseas the information they need so they can function as citizens and voters in our democratic society. Since most of the election news is in the States and most of Stripes' reporting staff is overseas, Stripes relied on The Associated Press and supplemental wire services operated by newspapers for nearly all of the coverage of the campaign. So judgments on Stripes' fairness and objectivity involve looking on the amount, the selection, the editing and the presentation of campaign news.

After the second reading, I pondered how to describe the performance of the editors. The words that kept coming to mind were: professional, consistent and credible.

Professional in that there was absolutely no evidence of editing decisions being made to favor one party or one candidate.

Consistent in that there was balance in terms of the stories covering speeches, events, etc., with background information on issues and analysis.

Credible in that there was balance in presentation, both on Page 1 and on inside pages, with news editing being used — and not robotic judging in which each candidate receives the same-size headline or length of story.

However, in total there needs to be equality in volume and presentation, and there was.

Every presidential campaign has a surprise story. They are the hardest to cover. This year there were two. The first in timing was the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth and the only complaint about coverage I received was about one aspect of the coverage of that group.

A member of the U.S. Army wrote in August: "I am writing because I believe Stars and Stripes has failed to provide its readers with all the facts surrounding the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth. I have read numerous articles discussing this organization in your paper over the past couple of weeks. In none of these articles does Stars and Stripes mention the substantial membership (250+) and how many of these members actually served in combat with John Kerry. This fact is critical when their stories are consistently countered with the versions presented by Kerry and his very small Band of Brothers."

At that time I went back to my file and couldn't find in Stripes (or any other of six other daily papers I was reading) information on the number of Swift Boat Veterans involved in the organization and their role in Vietnam. I pointed this out to the editorial director of Stripes and he said he would have his staff look for a story with details on the background of the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth and publish it. Stripes did publish an analysis piece by David Epes of The Associated Press titled "What did you do in the

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## 'America has spoken'

After Kerry concedes, Bush vows 'every resource' to fight terror

Full election coverage, Pages 3-21



President Bush vows to support a bill to allow the withdrawal of the Bush family from the White House. Bush is in Washington, D.C.

Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., joins Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., before the end of Kerry's concession speech Wednesday in Boston's Faneuil Hall.

war, candidate? Vietnam-era actions hang over campaigns as Kerry comes under attack."

But it didn't mention the size and scope of the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth organization and no wire service stories then came across the desk at Stripes to provide such a number. By mid-September the issue had died as far as the U.S. press was concerned.

The second "surprise story" of the campaign was about President Bush's service in the National Guard, which most journalists thought had been well gone over in the presidential campaign of 2000. The 2004 version broke in early September on "60 Minutes Wednesday." The story was about a National Guard memo that said "Bush refused an order."

A story in Stripes on Sept. 23 (Sept. 24 for Pacific editions) by David Baader of The Associated Press stated: "CBS News admitted on Monday that it could not authenticate documents it had used in a '60 Minutes' story that questioned Bush's service in the Guard during the Vietnam War era. Many crit-

icized once the documents fake."

CBS News has appointed former Attorney General Dick Thornburgh and former Associated Press chief executive Louis Boccia to investigate what went wrong with the story. A report is due soon.

There are lessons for both the media and public from this year's "surprise stories." The media need to triple-check sudden accusations in a heated political campaign before publication. The public must be wary of details until they are verified because it is so easy for rumors, opinion, hearsay to become "facts" by wide distribution on the Web and cable news broadcasts.

Twenty-four-hour cable news has become both a benefit and a cross for close followers of the news. A story often receives "breaking news" play in one newscast and then disappears. One week last spring I did a test on this issue. I kept track for five days of such "breaking news." Six out of 14 items never made print in any of the six daily newspapers I was reading.

For Stripes next time around (2008), I

think it would be a significant help for its readers if Stripes designates a writer/editor in the Washington office to follow such stories and, when the issue flares out, do a wrap-up that summarizes all of the verifiable facts and puts the story in perspective. This will be a service especially to those who have been paying special attention to that story, but also for those who have seen just some of the news stories on that issue.

In the age of 24-hour cable, the print media, in my opinion, will need to cope with these types of news situations much more often in order to give its readers the feeling that the paper is on top of the news. The best way to do that is through explanatory summary stories.

Stripes' handling of the third issue I examined — providing information to help the voters understand the issues and the positions of the candidates — was outstanding. Over the course of the campaign, Stripes published 18 "On the Issues" questions provided by The Associated Press with pictures and quotes from each presidential candidate in about 8 to 10 inches of space. The questions ranged from "Can the U.S. government achieve a balanced budget this decade?" to "Do you rule out a draft over the next four years?" to "Should girls be required to tell parents before having an abortion?" to "Under what conditions is the United States justified in taking pre-emptive military action against targets in another country?"

In addition, Stripes provided a package of information on Sept. 21 for Pacific editions with this principal headline on Page 1: "All you need to vote."

Below it were the two phrases (preceded by black boxes to attract the reader's eye): "Where Bush and Kerry stand on issues facing America" and "Complete state-by-state guide to candidates and initiatives."

The front-page announcement was a bit different for the Sept. 21 Europe and Mid-east editions ("State-by-state election guide inside"), but readers in those theaters got the same content inside.

The timing was early in the campaign because of the need of military personnel to send off absentee ballots.

On the fourth issue of getting out the vote, I counted a dozen stories that discussed, explained and urged military personnel to vote. The editors showed thought and effort in a nonpartisan way to encourage voting.

One last observation: Stripes wrapped up its campaign coverage with an excellent section on the day after the vote. It provided information on the votes for all key offices as well as a state-by-state roundup. In my career, that was one of my favorite projects, so I can appreciate the effort that Stripes put into making the section so complete.

A subsequent column will look at political letters to the editor during the campaign.

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## Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



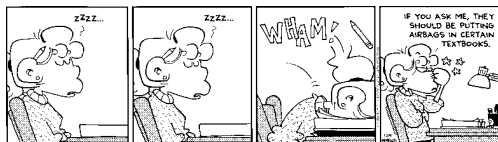
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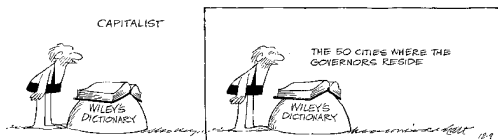




Fox trot



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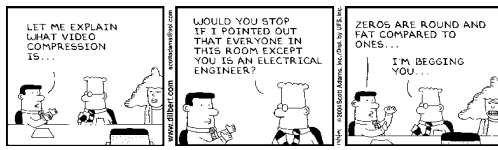
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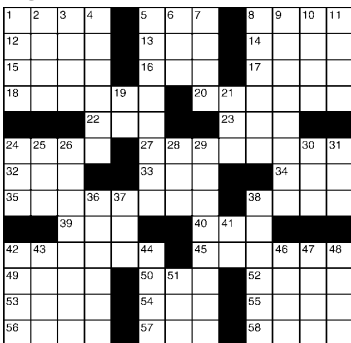
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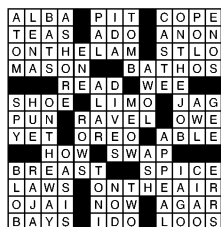
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- 3 Fixed hems
- 12 Particular
- 13 Meadow
- 14 "I cannot tell —"
- 15 Strikebreaker
- 16 Couple from Tennessee?
- 17 Comic Jay
- 18 Seafood selection
- 20 Paradise
- 22 Scrooge's mutter
- 23 "I — Rock"
- 24 Genealogy chart
- 27 Liquid appetizer
- 32 Tin Man's need
- 33 Zilch
- 34 Bobby of hockey
- 35 Brunch entree
- 38 Talk like an ass
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- 40 Moo — gai pan
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- 45 Crocheted blanket
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- 52 DNA component
- 53 Vow
- 54 Fond du —, Wis.
- 55 Reply to "Shall we?"
- 56 Smooth
- 57 Sailor's assent
- 58 Tend texts

## Down

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- 2 Craving
- 3 "Factor"
- 4 Drink
- 5 GOP mascot
- 6 Ponderosa
- 7 Wild party
- 8 Deli order
- 9 Lift
- 10 Sommelier's concern
- 11 Night light
- 19 Bell or Barker
- 21 Corn spike
- 24 Excessively
- 25 Edge
- 26 Periodic Table list
- 28 Treach
- 29 Polish
- 30 401(k) alternative
- 31 Saute
- 36 Music to
- 37 Superlative suffix
- 38 Word-finding game
- 41 "— course"
- 42 Oscar Madison, e.g.
- 43 Waikiki winding ...
- 44 ... and its entertainment
- 46 Pay attention
- 47 Con
- 48 Fit in snugly
- 51 Bob's longtime partner

## Answer to Previous Puzzle



## 12-9

## CRYPTOQUIP

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LYAO USUHZZJA NSJU SUYAJ  
NB SHZX WY XHWWYX J

BSG NYAKJZ?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN NUCLEAR CHEMISTS PASS AWAY, I SUPPOSE IT'S COMPLETELY SUITABLE TO BARIUM.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals T

# In-laws' 'tip' should be accepted

**Dear Abby:** My in-laws, who live seven hours away, spent last night in our guest room. They arrived late and had already eaten dinner on the road. My husband was away on business, and my in-laws and I had fun talking, laughing and sharing stories.

This morning I got dressed, spoke with them for a few minutes and left for work. They had the run of the house. I encouraged them to sleep late, help themselves to whatever was in the kitchen, and lock the door behind them when they left.

When I returned from work I noticed they had left a sweet note and a \$50 bill. My husband says they did it to be nice and I should accept the money. My mother says I should take the money and buy new sheets for the guest room.

I feel terrible. I don't know why they left the money. My husband and I both work and earn good money. Our house

isn't as nice as theirs, but we've been married for only two years. My first reaction was to return the money with a brief note explaining that we don't charge for hospitality.

My husband says that would be cruel. Your thoughts, please.

— **Hurt in Wisconsin**

**Dear Abby**



**Dear Hurt:** I'm sure no insult was intended. The money was a gift, so accept it graciously in the spirit it was given. Your mother's suggestion to put it toward new sheets for the guest room is a good one. The next time your in-laws visit, show them that you used the money to make them more comfortable. I'm sure they'll be touched.

**Dear Abby:** My daughter, "Victoria," is 20. She attends college and is engaged to a 27-year-old man I call Albert. They have been engaged for about a year and have lived

together for two. They plan to be married in the fall of 2005. Victoria and Albert think I should pay him for her rent and other expenses for the two years she has been living with him. It adds up to about \$8,000. I think that since Victoria is living with him, Albert should be the provider. My daughter is an adult, and I know I am not obligated to support her. But I want to do the right thing.

Frankly, I do not approve of their living arrangement. Neither of them is speaking to me because I haven't given them the money. Should I pay for something I don't agree with?

— **Confused in California**

**Dear Confused:** Have wracked my brain trying to come up with one single reason why you should — and I can't come up with even one. And if your daughter's fiancé were much of a man, he wouldn't ask you to.

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# JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

**TREXE**

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**BOMIL**

**FRILCO**

**CLUSKE**

**A: " " OF " "**

**Yesterday's**

**Jumbles:** PRUNE WHEAT MIDWAY CROUCH

**Answer:** When the soldiers had a spelling contest, it turned into — A "WORD" WAR

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Anglin



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

# Mom fears son rebounding badly

**Dear Annie:** My 20-year-old son, "Todd," is a college student who lives at home. Recently, his long-term girlfriend broke up with him, essentially saying he wasn't good enough for her. Todd was heartbroken. He had planned to marry her when they finished college.

A week after she broke up with him, Todd met another girl, "Heidi." Here's my problem. He met Heidi on Sunday, and by Tuesday, he practically moved in with her. Oh, he comes home every day to shower, change clothes and get his mail, but he hasn't slept in his own bed since he met her.

I know Todd is 20 years old, and I accept that he is sexually active, but it bothers me that he's on the rebound and won't wait it.

I think he's using Heidi in a big way. Todd insists he wants a long-term relationship. I've never met Heidi, but I get the impression she is emotionally fragile and needy, just like Todd. I think he's acting like a jerk, but talking to

**Annie's Mailbox**



him does not good. Worse, Todd's behavior sets a terrible example for his two younger siblings.

We don't want Todd to move out, because we believe that would push him further into this unhealthy relationship.

**Stressed-Out Mom** Dear Stressed-Out: Rebound relationships can be devastating if one person is more

invested than the other. Unfortunately, there isn't much you can do. Todd needs consolation, and he's found someone to provide it.

If your younger children are teenagers, you can discuss this with them, explaining why you disapprove of Todd's behavior. Eventually, they may see for themselves that Todd's hasty decision was misguided.

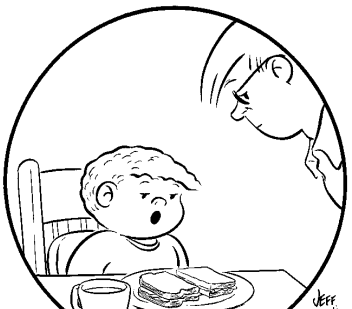
You might try to meet Heidi. You are making assumptions based on Todd's presumed state of mind, and it would be a good idea to see exactly what's what.

**Dear Annie:** This is for "Albany," who wants to reconcile with his 40-year-old daughter, but she can't forgive him for divorcing her mother and marrying the woman he had an affair with. He should respect his daughter's wishes and stop contacting her. He decided on this tradeoff when he left his wife for another woman.

This is happening in my home right now. I neither encourage nor discourage our children to see their father. Slowly and surely he slips away more and more from them.

**Ex-Wife in Lubbock, Texas** Dear Ex-Wife: We received a huge number of responses from bitter ex-spouses who agree with you. However, the relationship between a parent and child is different, and if there is any possibility of forgiveness and reconciliation, we think it's better than endless punishment and permanent estrangement.

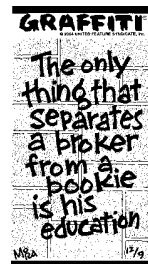
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**12-9** Jeff and Bill Keating

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"Daddy, will you repair my sandwich? I didn't want it cut in two."

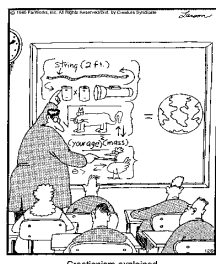


**Dennis the Menace**

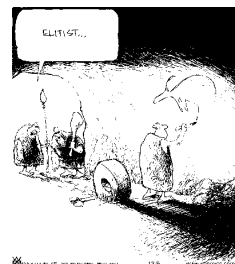


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**The Far Side**



**Non Sequitur**

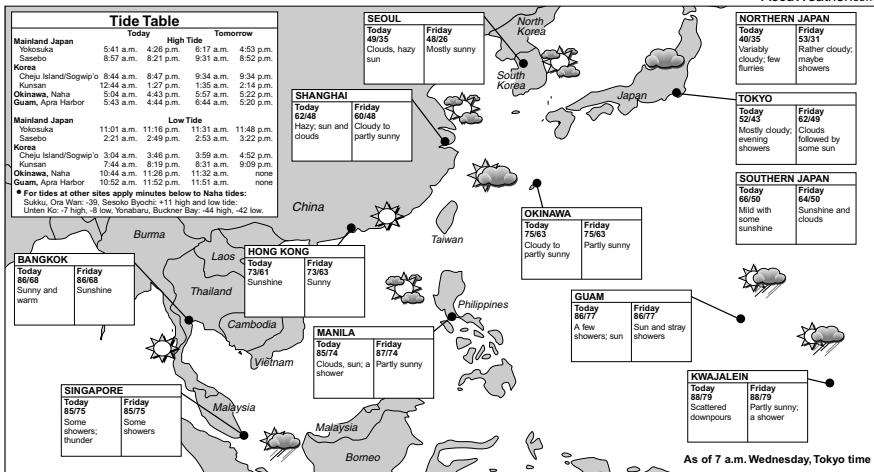


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# The Pacific Forecast



As of 7 a.m. Wednesday, Tokyo time

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Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 58, low 47.

### KADENA

Saturday: Partly sunny, high 77, low 65.  
Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 77, low 65.

### SEUL

Saturday: Mostly sunny, high 43, low 28.  
Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 45, low 27.

### MANILA

Saturday: Partly sunny, high 87, low 74.  
Sunday: Partly sunny, high 87, low 74.

### HAGATNA

Saturday: Showers, high 86, low 77.  
Sunday: Showers, high 86, low 77.

## Tuesday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	49/31	Los Angeles	61/50
Amarillo	56/32	Little Rock	66/38
Anchorage	30/17	Louisville	69/40
Asheville	65/42	Miami	83/72
Baltimore	56/50	Milwaukee	47/32
Birmingham	73/45	Nashville	70/38
Bismarck	30/21	New York	52/48
Boise	47/39	Omaha	42/30
Boston	48/40	Orlando	82/64
Brownsville	78/61	Philadelphia	56/48
Buffalo	53/41	Phoenix	60/47
Burlington	38/24	Pittsburgh	68/44
Charleston, SC	80/59	Portland, OR	49/44
Charlotte	71/48	Portland, ME	35/29
Cleveland	63/42	Salt Lake City	40/30
Columbus, OH	66/42	St. Louis	54/36
Duluth	35/21	San Antonio	77/47
El Paso	55/37	San Diego	61/52
Hartford	42/34	San Juan	82/72
Helena	40/20	Tampa	81/66
Indianapolis	61/36	Teaneck	59/39
Jacksonville	83/62	Washington	59/53
Kansas City	47/34	Wichita	56/37

## Thursday, December 09



## U.S. Extended Forecast

A disturbance will slide through the Southeast Thursday and will trigger showers and thunderstorms from the Carolinas southward to the Gulf Coast. Meanwhile, high pressure will bring some sunshine to the Northeast. Temperatures will remain warmer than average from the Midwest to the mid-Atlantic states. A storm will cause a few snow showers to pop up over the Upper Midwest. Pacific moisture will stream into the West and rain will be found from northern California northward to Washington state. On Friday, low pressure will strengthen over the Ohio Valley; rain will affect the East Coast and there will be some snow across the Great Lakes and Midwest. Rain will continue in the Pacific Northwest.

## Thursday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	86/68	Kadena AB	56/42
Beijing	49/29	Kunsan AB	53/35
Camp Casey	53/35	Kwajalein	87/77
Christchurch	59/37	Manila	87/77
Diego Garcia	81/77	Masawa AB	86/77
Hagatna	86/77	Osaka	74/60
Hanoi	73/61	Pertit	73/61
Hong Kong	81/67	Pusan	59/47
Honolulu	81/67		

## Thursday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	90/73	Budapest	42/31	Kabul	53/29	Nairobi	79/52
Athens	57/45	Buenos Aires	73/63	Kiev	32/21	New Delhi	82/52
Auckland	64/48	Cairo	72/51	Kuwait	70/43	Oslo	46/39
Baghdad	60/39	Cancun	82/71	London	54/47	Paris	50/42
Barbados	87/72	Cape Town	86/64	Madrid	51/42	Rio de Janeiro	84/69
Barcelona	53/43	Geneva	48/43	Mexico City	64/38	Rome	56/43
Berlin	44/38	Istanbul	52/37	Montreal	38/30	St. Petersburg	34/25
Bermuda	76/64	Jerusalem	57/43	Mogadishu	84/71	Stockholm	41/39
Brussels	53/44	Johannesburg	70/49	Moscow	31/18	Warsaw	37/30



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# O'Neal becomes 31st with 10,000 rebounds

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Shaquille O'Neal pulled down his 10,000th career rebound and Damon Jones scored 21 points with a career-best seven three-pointers to lead the Miami Heat past the stumbling Utah Jazz 100-80 Monday night.

Dwyane Wade added 23 points and 12 rebounds for the Heat, who swept the season series against the Jazz for the first time and got their first win at Utah in four years.

O'Neal needed eight rebounds entering the game to become the 31st player with 10,000 career boards. He finished with 21 points and 13 rebounds, reaching the milestone in the third quarter when he pulled down a miss by Utah's Gordon Gierick during a 19-2 run for Miami.

O'Neal also had five assists. Matt Harpring scored 12 and

Carlos Boozer finished with 11 points and 10 rebounds for the Jazz, who have lost five in a row and seven of eight.

The Heat were coming off a 104-95 loss at Denver on Saturday night and blew a 14-point lead early in the third quarter, then turned the game into a rout in the second half.

The Jazz brought a 51-49 lead early in the third quarter on a three-point play by Mehmet Okur, but Wade quickly tied it up and the Heat took off later in the period.

Okur got Utah to 58-57 with a shot that bounced twice off the rim before rolling in, then the Heat exploded on a 19-2 run. Damon Jones hit back-to-back three-pointers to put the Heat up 72-59, and Wade blew through the lane for a one-handed dunk over Kris Humphries after O'Neal pulled down his 10,000th rebound at the end of the third.

## Police turn brawl case over to prosecutors

The Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Police turned the findings from their investigation of the Pacers-Pistons brawl over to the Oakland County prosecutor on Monday, and charges are expected to be announced Wednesday.

"While the investigation will continue, all of the major suspects have been identified and are now under review for possible criminal charges," prosecutor David Gorcey's office said in a release.

The fight among spectators and players broke out after an on-court dispute over a foul during the game on Nov. 19. A fan hurled a drink at Indiana's Ron

Artest, who then charged into the stands. Other Pacers players and fans joined the melee. Several people, including a police officer, were hit with a chair that was thrown.

Gorcey's has said players and fans could be charged with misdemeanor assault and battery. The only possible felony charge under consideration would be against whoever threw the chair.

"Warrants will be issued based largely upon the numerous and lengthy video tape, as well as approximately 1,000 pages of reports. Everyone involved in the violation of a state law will be held accountable, regardless of their stature at the game," Gorcey said.

## NBA scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division				
New York	8	Pct	GB	
Philadelphia	7	10	41.7	1.0
Brooklyn	6	11	33.3	2.0
New Jersey	7	13	35.0	2.0

Southeast Division				
Washington	10	5	66.7	—
Orlando	9	6	60.0	—
Miami	12	3	80.0	—
Charlotte	4	11	26.7	6.0
Atlanta	3	14	17.9	9.0

Central Division				
Cleveland	6	6	50.0	—
Indiana	10	7	58.8	—
Detroit	8	9	52.9	—
Memphis	4	10	28.6	3.0
Minneapolis	2	13	13.3	8.0

### Western Conference

Southwest Division				
San Antonio	12	0	100.0	—
Dallas	10	2	83.3	—
Houston	7	11	38.9	—
New Orleans	14	0	100.0	—

Northwest Division				
Seattle	15	0	100.0	—
Portland	11	4	73.1	—
Denver	10	7	58.8	4.0
Phoenix	8	10	44.4	7.0

Pacific Division				
Phoenix	3	8	24.4	—
Sacramento	12	7	56.0	—
LA Clippers	11	6	53.3	—
LA Lakers	10	7	58.8	4.0
Golden State	5	12	29.4	9.0

Monday's games				
Atlanta 96, Philadelphia 92				
New Jersey 88, Toronto 86				
LA Lakers 94, Charlotte 75				
Detroit 101, Dallas 85				
LA Clippers 98, Chicago 90				
Denver 115, Orlando 102				

Tuesday's games				
LA Lakers at Indiana				
New Jersey at Cleveland				
LA Clippers at Memphis				
Dallas at Minnesota				
LA Lakers at Houston				
Golden State at Phoenix				
Charlotte at Sacramento				

Wednesday's games				
Denver at Washington				
Minnesota at Philadelphia				
Memphis at Atlanta				
Toronto at Detroit				
Miami at Milwaukee				
Cleveland at Chicago				
Seattle at San Antonio				
Orlando at Atlanta				

Thursday's games				
San Antonio at Houston				
Seattle at Portland				

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LA Lakers at Phoenix				
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# Kidd returns to Nets, assists on game-winning basket

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Jason Kidd played only 21 minutes in his season debut. That was just enough to lift the New Jersey Nets.

Making his return from knee surgery, Kidd assisted on Richard Jefferson's jumper from the lane with 7.1 seconds left that gave the Nets an 88-86 victory over the Toronto Raptors on Monday night.

Jefferson caught Kidd's pass on the right wing, took three dribbles to his left and launched a 9-footer that fell through.

So what if Jefferson did most of the work? "Heck, yeah, he deserved an assist," said Jefferson, who had 26 points, nine rebounds and eight assists. "I finished, but he put me in position to finish it."

Nets coach Lawrence Frank made sure to rest Kidd throughout — he didn't start the second half — but the seven-time All-Star managed 10 points, six rebounds and three assists, and forced Vince Carter into a missed



layup at time expired.

"I wanted to guard him," Kidd said. "We all knew in the huddle where the ball was going to end up. I wanted to guard him and try to make it as tough as possible."

Kidd's presence was sorely missed by the Nets during their first 16 games. New Jersey won just four during that span, good for last place in the Atlantic Division.

"It was a whole different feeling when he was out there," Nets forward Eric Williams said. "We got the ball up and down the floor, and the game just looked a whole lot better."

Carter led Toronto with 22 points and Chris Bosh added 20 points.

Two free throws by Jefferson with 52.5 seconds left made it 86-84, giving New Jersey their first win since midway through the

first quarter. Carter tied it 10 seconds later with two from the line.

**Spurs 91, Bulls 75:** At Chicago, Tony Parker scored 17 points and Tim Duncan had his 16th double-double as San Antonio won its eighth straight.

Duncan finished with 12 points and 11 rebounds for the Spurs, who improved to an NBA-best 16-3 despite 21 turnovers — two shy of their season high.

Tyson Chandler led Chicago with 17 points and 12 rebounds.

**Pistons 101, Mavericks 85:** At Dallas, Chauncey Billups tied his season high with 24 points, and Richard Hamilton scored 13 of his 19 in the third quarter.

The Pistons took a 10-point lead into halftime, then stretched it to 21 in the third. The Mavericks never got closer than 12 the rest of the way.

Dirk Nowitzki shot 6-for-24 from the field, but scored 27 points by making 15 of 16 from the foul line.

**Nuggets 115, Magic 102:** At



New Jersey Nets' Jason Kidd looks to pass the ball during Monday's game against Toronto.

Denver, Andre Miller scored 20 points, and Carmelo Anthony added 28 for the Nuggets.

Dwight Howard and Steve Francis each scored 23 points for

the Magic, who fell behind by 25 in the second quarter.

**Warriors 110, Celtics 106:** At Oakland, Calif., Troy Murphy had a career-high 30 points and 15 rebounds to help Golden State win consecutive games for the first time this season.

Boston had a chance to win with 20 seconds left, but Paul Pierce airballed a jumper under heavy defensive pressure.

Pierce finished with 26 points and five rebounds. Jiri Welsch scored a career-high 24 points for the Celtics.

**Clippers 99, Bobcats 93 (2OT):** At Los Angeles, Corey Maggette scored four of his 33 points in the second overtime and the Clippers overcame Elton Brand's fourth-quarter ejection.

**Hawks 76, 76ers 92:** At Atlanta, Josh Smith scored the tiebreaking basket with 17.6 seconds remaining, then blocked a shot to help the Hawks snap a nine-game losing streak.

## Sprewell suspended for yelling sexual vulgarity at female fan

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Latrell Sprewell was suspended for one game by the NBA on Tuesday for yelling a sexual vulgarity at a female fan during a game, the latest episode of a player clashing with spectators.

The penalty was harsher than those issued in the past by the league office for on-court outbursts. The NBA has been particularly concerned about conflicts between players and fans following a nasty brawl in Detroit 2½ weeks ago that spilled into the stands.

Sprewell responded to a female heckler with a sexually vulgar term that was clearly picked up by a court-side microphone and broadcast by television stations KTLA in Los Angeles and KSTC in Minnesota.

Commissioner David Stern has said the NBA needs to re-examine what will be tolerated in terms of civil behavior between fans and spectators, and Tuesday's penalty issued by league vice president Stu Jackson made it clear that vulgar exchanges won't be acceptable.



NBA spokesman Tim Frank said league policy prohibits directing obscenities at fans.

"Our policy is that you can't do it," he said. "When you do it, you're going to get suspended."

Sprewell was to miss the Timberwolves' game Tuesday night against the Dallas Mavericks.

Players' union chief Billy Hunter did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

This is the latest in a series of problems for the 34-year-old Sprewell. He was suspended for one year — later reduced to 68 games — for choking Golden State Warriors coach P.J. Carlesimo during practice in 1997.

In December 2003, Sprewell was fined \$25,000 by the NBA for cursing at New York Knicks chairman James Dolan and screaming at the team's bench. In 1999, Sprewell was fined \$10,000 for making profane remarks to fans during a game.

Last month, he received a mis-

demeanor citation after arguing with a police officer during a traffic stop. Sprewell, who was a passenger in the vehicle, claimed he was treated unfairly.

The former All-Star also demanded that the Timberwolves extend his contract or trade him, saying, "I've got my family to feed."

Sprewell, who will make \$14.6 million this season in the final year of his deal, drew criticism from fans for the remarks.

**Attorneys ask judge to keep Bryant's history out of civil suit**

DENVER — Kobe Bryant's attorneys asked a judge Monday to make sure the NBA star doesn't have to answer questions about other "consensual relationships" as he defends himself against a civil lawsuit accusing him of rape.

Bryant had promised to be available Monday or Tuesday to answer, for the first time, questions under oath about what happened at a mountain resort last year.

However, in a filing released Monday in federal court, Bryant's

lawyers said both sides couldn't agree on the kinds of questions the Los Angeles Lakers star would be asked.

They said planned questions about Bryant's history of "consensual sexual relationships with anyone other than the plaintiff" have "no possible relevance" to the woman's claims.

They asked a judge to bar such questions.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages for pain, scorn and ridicule the woman says she has suffered since her encounter with Bryant at the Valli-area resort where she worked in June 2003.

Prosecutors dropped a sexual assault charge against Bryant on Sept. 1 after the woman said she no longer wanted to participate in the criminal case following a series of courtship gaffes that released details about her on the Internet.

No trial date has been set in the civil case.

**Bobcats acquire guard Russ from Lakers**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Los Angeles Lakers guard Kareem Rush

was acquired by the Charlotte Bobcats on Monday for two second-round draft picks.

The Lakers received Charlotte's second-round picks for 2005 and 2006.

Toronto made Rush the 20th overall pick in the 2002 draft, then traded his rights to the Lakers. He averaged 4.6 points, 1.3 rebounds and 0.9 assists in his first two seasons.

He's averaging just 0.9 points and 1.2 rebounds in 5.6 minutes this season, but has been bothered by a right ankle injury and struggled to crack the lineup behind Kobe Bryant and Caron Butler.

**Orlando center Battle suspended for elbowing Gasol**

NEW YORK — Orlando Magic center Tony Battle was suspended for one game without pay by the NBA on Monday for elbowing Memphis Grizzlies forward Pau Gasol in the head.

Battle was called for a flagrant foul midway through the first quarter of Orlando's 96-91 victory on Saturday.

He served the suspension during Monday night's game at Denver.



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# new No. 1 Illinois rolls

The Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Even though Illinois moved to the top of the college basketball poll for the first time in nearly 16 years, the Illini were too busy preparing for Chicago State to celebrate.

## Top 25 roundup

"I feel good to be No. 1," Dee Brown said after he scored 15 points and had nine assists in Illinois' 78-59 victory Monday night, a game that started about five hours after the latest AP poll was released.

"But sometimes we forget we're a Top 5 team, that we're No. 1," Brown said. "Fans go crazy about it, but we're just humble. I've never been around a humble team like this."

Luther Head scored 17 points to lead Illinois (7-0), which was playing its second game in three days and started a week that includes a trip to Georgetown on Thursday and a game against Oregon in Chicago on Saturday.

"It's a big week coming up," said coach Bruce Weber, who found plenty of things he'd like his team to improve upon.

"For some reason, when we have 3-on-1, 3-on-2 breaks, we don't make very good decisions," he said. "Spacing's not good, we don't pitch it ahead. We're holding onto the ball a little too long in those situations. I think our screening can get better. I don't think we are great against the zone."

Monday's move from No. 5 to No. 1 in The Associated Press poll marked the third time Illinois reached the top spot. The other two were in 1952 and 1989, each for one week and

each in a season in which the Illini reached the Final Four.

"Our pressure is that we want to get better," he said. "If we start getting satisfied, that's when somebody's going to catch us," Weber said.

The Illini led 13-4, added a 6-0 run midway through the first half and were never seriously threatened despite committing 18 turnovers. Deron Williams added nine points for Illinois, and reserve Warren Carter had eight.

Deji Akintola had 14 points for Chicago State (0-5), while Tony Weeden added 13 and Terren Wilson 11.

In other Top 25 games on Monday:

**No. 7 Connecticut 97, Northeastern 60:** Josh Boone had a career-high 19 points and grabbed 14 rebounds to lead host Connecticut.

Boone anchored a dominating post for UConn (4-0), which overwhelmed smaller Northeastern (2-4). Connecticut leads the series 32-4 and hasn't lost to Northeastern since 1985.

Marcus Barnes, who scored the first nine points for Northeastern, finished with 20.

**Iowa State 81, No. 19 Virginia 79:** Iowa State's Curtis Stinson (30) included, including the go-ahead three-pointer with 15.6 seconds left.

Host Iowa State (4-1) survived a career-high 40 points by Virginia's Devin Smith and wasn't assured of winning until the Cavaliers (6-1) missed three shots in a wild flurry in the final seconds.

Virginia took a 79-77 lead when Gary



Iowa State's Curtis Stinson (1) battles for a rebound with teammate Jared Homan, right, and Virginia's Devin Smith, left, on Monday. Stinson scored 30 points and Smith had 40.

Forbes drove for a basket with 27 seconds left, but Iowa State quickly got the ball to Stinson on the left wing and he made his fifth three-pointer to put the Cyclones up 80-79.

After Will Blacklock of Iowa State made one free throw, Virginia's Sean Singletary reached the ball up the floor, drove for a layup from the right side and the Cavaliers missed two tip-ins.

# USC's search to begin with Majerus, Westphal

By JASON REID  
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Despite the buzz Monday at USC's Heritage Hall, Rick Majerus remained at ESPN and Paul Westphal at Pepperdine.

## Analysis

It only seemed as though Majerus, formerly one of the game's most successful coaches at Utah, and Westphal (USC, 1972) were on deck to replace Henry Bibby, ousted four games into his ninth season, as athletic department officials privately handicapped what, at least at the outset, appeared to be a two-man race.

First-year assistant Jim Saia, previously a UCLA assistant, is the interim coach.

Even USC athletic director Mike Garrett joined in the uncharacteristically acknowledging the Trojans would be interested in Majerus and Westphal if either were interested in them. That's about as official as it gets early in a process USC hopes will end with a high-profile hire for a program it plans to push higher.

"My phone has been ringing off the hook all day," Majerus said. "I know what's going on, but I don't have a lot to say about it right now."

He has in the past, confiding in friends that the USC job would top his wish list if it ever opened. Majerus, who left Utah last Janu-

**"I guarantee you, to come to USC, you have to be a head coach with credentials. This is not a place to learn."**

Mike Garrett  
USC athletic director

ary for health reasons, did not campaign for the position out of respect for Bibby, who had another season remaining on his contract.

But things have changed.

Garrett wants a proven coach to lead USC into the 10,300-seat Galen Center, scheduled to open for the 2006-07 season. And the Trojans plan to spend what it takes to get their guy.

"I guarantee you, to come to USC, you have to be a head coach with credentials," Garrett said. "This is not a place to learn."

Majerus seemingly meets Garrett's criteria, having led a 767 winning percentage in 15 years at Utah.

He led the Utes to 10 appearances in the NCAA tournament, including the 1998 national championship game. Majerus is foremost a teacher, loves L.A. and would have a new audience for his one-liners.

So it's a perfect fit, right?

"Well, I always wanted to live in California," Majerus said. "I almost bought a home in the fall there. I put an offer in and I lost it. I was going to live in Milwaukee for the television season and live in California for the offseason because I like it there."

"It's somelace I've always liked. That hasn't changed, you know? But my thing is this: I haven't given any thought to this. Right now, I just work for ESPN. I don't know what I want to do."

Majerus was second to none at working the booster circuit while in Salt Lake City, regaling fans with anecdotes and jokes late into the evening and then winding down with good food and friends. Majerus' late-night lifestyle ("I know all the best restaurants in L.A.," he once said) contributed to his weight struggle, prompting him to retire from Utah to address the problem.

Westphal's situation is delicate for a different reason.

He's leading the Waves (6-1), winners of six straight, including an upset of then-No. 20 Wisconsin.

Not surprisingly, Westphal, who guided Pepperdine to the 2002 NCAA tournament, would rarely discuss anything but the USC coaching situation.

"No one knows what the future is going to bring," said Westphal, a two-time All-American at USC. "All I know is that I'm happy



Southern Cal athletic director Mike Garrett, above, fired basketball coach Henry Bibby on Monday and seeks to hire a high-profile coach to revive the program. The Trojans plan to play in a 10,300-seat arena scheduled to open for the 2006-07 season.

where I'm at right now.

"If someone makes me an offer that I can't refuse then that's where I'm going to go. But like all Trojans, what I'm hoping for right now is that we kick Oklahoma's butt in the Orange Bowl."

Westphal, whose ties to the school could provide an edge over Majerus, had success in the NBA, guiding the Phoenix Suns and Seattle SuperSonics to the playoffs. The Suns advanced to the NBA Finals in his first year as a head coach.

"Westphal is someone we asked to take the job many years ago when he was between jobs in the NBA," said Garrett, who appeared to briefly forget Westphal's surname.

He was clear on what's expected of the next coach.

"We're planning to get the program healthy," Garrett said. "That's what we're going to do."

# Air Force cruises past Colo. College

The Associated Press

**AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo.** — Antoine Hood scored 14 points and Jacob Burschi added 11 to help Air Force beat Colorado College 59-30 on Monday.

Air Force (6-2) made its first eight field goals, including six three-pointers, and shot 15 of 21 from the field in the first half to take a 40-9 lead at halftime. Air Force had 10 takeaways while committing none in the first half en route to its 17th straight home victory.

Adam Marston led Colorado College (5-7) with 13 points.

In Monday's other game involving service academy players:

**Belmont 91, Navy 66:** In Nashville, Tenn., Nick Otis hit four of five three-pointers and had 14 points to lead Belmont. Belmont (2-3) shot 57.6 percent for the game and made 12 of 21 three-pointers.

Navy (2-4) trailed 44-41 with 14:37 left until the Bruins scored 11 straight points.

Navy, which shot 42.6 percent from the field, was led by Laramie Mergerson (14 points) and David Hooper (10).

# Texas LB Johnson tabbed top defender

From wire reports

**CHARLOTTE, N.C.** — Texas linebacker Derrick Johnson won the Bronko Nagurski Award in Charlotte on Monday night, honoring his status as college football's defensive player of the year.

Johnson, a senior, beat four other finalists — Wisconsin defensive end Erasmus James, Marshall defensive end Johnathan Goddard, Georgia defensive end David Pollack and Auburn cornerback Carlos Rogers.

Johnson, who set a school record with eight forced fumbles this season, became the first Texas player to win the 16-year-old award, presented by the Football Writers Association of America and the Charlotte Touchdown Club.

"My biggest strength is my speed," said Johnson, who has been clocked in the 4.4-second range in the 40-yard dash. "Speed is involved on every single play in defense, and there aren't too many guys who can outrun me."

Johnson also is a finalist for the Bednarik, Lombardi and Butkus awards.

A 6-foot-4, 235-pound weakside linebacker, Johnson is considered a likely top 10 pick in the NFL Draft.

# Players, clubs make no progress, but no deal yet

BY RONALD BLUM  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Baseball players and owners have made progress toward toughening rules on steroid testing, a move that would pre-empt congressional intervention.

How close they are to an agreement depends on which side you listen to.

Commissioner Bud Selig, who has called for more frequent testing and harsher penalties, told Colorado Gov. Bill Owens two weeks ago that an agreement was near, Owens said Monday.

Gene Orza, the union's chief operating officer, said that while the discussions toward a new agreement had advanced, there was more work to be done.

"We had a series of discussions with the clubs, and in many respects they've been fruitful," he said Monday after the union opened its annual executive board meeting. "But to suggest we have a deal that either is going to be ratified by the executive board this week or is going to be put in place shortly is simply not right."

Orza said discussions will continue, and a management official said owners hoped they would resume next week. Selig wants tougher rules in place by Opening Day.

"I don't want we're a long ways away," Orza said of an agreement. "I don't want to say it's not possible. I just can't guarantee it."

Currently, players are tested once from the start of spring training through the end of the regular season. Selig wants additional tests, some in the offseason, and more substances added to the banned list.

Under the agreement in place, scheduled to run until December 2006, players don't face suspension until their second positive test for steroids. In the wake of reports that Barry Bonds, Jason Giambi and Gary Sheffield told a federal grand jury they used steroids, Sen. John McCain has threatened to propose federal legislation that would override the drug-testing provisions in baseball's collective bargaining agreement.

Owens called Selig two weeks ago, telling him Colorado could enact its own steroid rules for players visiting Coors Field.

"As a big fan, I told him something needed to be done," Owens said. "He said they were close to reaching an agreement."

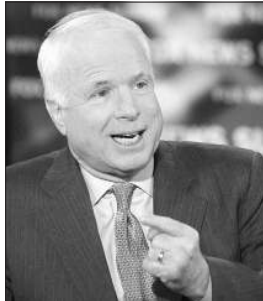
Owens hopes a monthly sports and highlights show on a regional network.

"It's clear some of them don't want this," he said of players. "The union has been dragging its feet for reasons that are hard to understand."

Selig had surgery Monday in New York to remove a sprained lesion from his forehead and wasn't available for comment on Owens' remarks. Bob Manfred, baseball's executive vice president of labor relations, declined to comment on the talks.

"If we cannot resolve this issue privately, I gladly will accept whatever is offered by Senator McCain to achieve our ultimate goal," Selig said in a statement Monday.

"I appreciate the support of Senator McCain," Selig said, adding that the "illegal use of these substances is damaging" baseball's credibility.



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**Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., says baseball must act to keep players from using steroids or Congress will.**

"Perhaps, most damaging, it encourages our young fans to use these horrible substances," Selig said. "While I would prefer to resolve this problem directly with the players' association and jointly implement a much stronger drug-testing policy in major league baseball, one modeled after our program in the minor leagues, I understand the need for swift and resolute action."

Reporters were barred from the lobby by Royal Palms Resort and Spa in Phoenix, preventing them from having access to most players at the meeting.

"We committed to them that we would provide a quiet, intimate location for their meeting, and that's what we've committed to do," Greg Miller, the hotel's general manager, said.

Union spokesman Greg Bouris said the decision was made by the hotel.

After arriving at the hotel, Rich Aurilia declined to comment.

Reached on his cell phone, even the usually talkative Curt Schilling refused to discuss steroids.

Baseball didn't ban steroids until Sept. 30, 2002, and testing for steroids with penalties started only this year. Each player is tested once from the start of spring training through the end of the regular season, and a first positive test results in counseling. A player who tests positive a second time could be suspended for 15 days, and discipline rises to a one-year suspension for a fifth positive test.

Players with minor league contracts aren't covered by collective bargaining. They're tested four times per year, in and out of season, and have a wider list of banned substances, including Human Growth Hormone and amphetamines. They're subject to a 15-game suspension for a first positive steroid test, a one-year penalty for a fourth positive test and a lifetime ban from the minors for a fifth positive test.

"The minor league program has been very effective at getting us to very low positive rates in the minor leagues," Manfred said.

Chicago White Sox General Manager Kenny Williams said possible steroid use had become a factor he weighed in evaluations of trades and signings.

"That's part of the equation," he said. "If you have not thought about it in recent years, you've had your head buried in the sand."

Associated Press writers Steven K. Paulson in Denver, Bob Baum in Phoenix and Nancy Armour in Chicago contributed to this report.

# Garcia parra back with Cubs for 2005

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Nomar Garcia parra enjoyed his brief stay with the Chicago Cubs so much he's coming back, agreeing Tuesday to a one-year contract.

The five-time All-Star shortstop hit .308 with nine homers and 41 RBIs with Boston and Chicago last season. Garcia parra said at the end of the season that he'd consider coming back to the Cubs, but he wanted to test the free-agent market for the first time in his career.

Garcia parra spent the first 8½ years of his career with the Boston Red Sox before being traded to Chicago on July 31 as part of a four-team deal.

He played only 81 games last year because of Achilles' tendon, left wrist and groin injuries. But when he's healthy, the two-time All-Star, 30-year-old, will bring plenty of power, hitting .344 and driving in 28 runs during July 1 to Aug. 31.

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Garcia parra is a career .322 hitter with 182 home runs and 710 RBIs. He's hit .308 in seven seasons, and had a career-best 30-game hitting streak in 1997. He's been to the playoffs three times, and set an American League division series record in 1998 with 11 RBIs in four games.

## Tigers OF arrested for theft

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — Detroit Tigers outfielder Craig Monroe was arrested for allegedly stealing a \$29.99 belt from a department store, a records clerk at Charlotte County jail said Tuesday.

Monroe wrapped the belt around his waist and tried to leave the store without paying Friday, according to the arrest report. He posted a \$500 bond and was released from county jail that day.

Monroe is scheduled to face arraignment Dec. 15.

# Market for free agents cool before arbitration deadline

BY RONALD BLUM  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The free-agent market slowed to a crawl before Tuesday's midnight deadline for teams to offer salary arbitration to their former players.

Teams held only a few completing agreements with free agents, waiting to find out whether arbitration offers would be made. In many cases, clubs would have picks in June's amateur draft signing players who received arbitration offers from their old clubs.

It appeared the New York Mets would not offer arbitration to left-hander Al Leiter, who has been negotiating with the Florida Marlins. It wasn't known whether Philadelphia would offer arbitration to Eric Milton, who has been talking with the New York Yankees.

The Red Sox are offering arbitration to right-hander Pedro Martinez and seven other free agents, including catcher Jason Varitek, right-hander Derek Lowe, and shortstop Orlando Cabrera, General Manager Theo Epstein said Tuesday.

Principal owner John Henry and chief executive officer Larry Lucchino planned to meet with Martinez in the Dominican Republic on Wednesday. The two are making the trip to mark the first anniversary of the opening of the Red Sox baseball academy outside Santo Domingo.

"Certainly we hope to see and meet with Pedro," Henry wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press on Monday night. Lucchino said the meeting was intended to be social.

The White Sox appeared resigned to losing four-time All-Star Magglio Ordonez. Chicago knows teams will have interest in a 30-year-old outfielder with a

.307 career average, 187 homers and 703 RBIs. But if Ordonez accepts arbitration, he'd get a salary close to the \$14 million he made last year.

Ordonez only played 52 games last season because of an injured left knee that required surgery, and he's been in Chicago to examine the knee.

"I asked for [an evaluation] a couple of different times," White Sox General Manager Kenny Williams said. "That was actually prior to the end of the season where I tried to get him back into Chicago for an examination by our doctors. Obviously, we never got that far. And I did ask again at the general manager meetings. I was told we'd have the same opportunity as all the other clubs out there."

Just two free agents agreed to contracts Monday, with outfielder Ricky Ledee getting a \$2.5 million, two-year deal from the Los Angeles Dodgers and backup catcher Todd Pratt receiving a \$750,000, one-year deal to stay with the Philadelphia Phillies.

Also Monday, the Colorado Rockies terminated Denny Neagle's \$51 million, five-year contract, three days after the oft-injured pitcher was cited for solicitation.

"This decision is about an organization and the fans that support it," Rockies chairman Charles Monfort said. "Denny's pattern of behavior has not been consistent with what our organization represents."

Neagle, who has not pitched in more than a year because of injuries, was pulled over Friday in suburban Lakewood for allegedly speeding. Police said a woman in his car told her he had paid her \$40 for oral sex.

Neagle's agent, Barry Meister, declined comment.

# Agent says Giambi 'determined to return to form'

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jason Giambi's agent said the New York Yankees first baseman appreciated the support of fans, though he didn't address a report last week that said his client told a grand jury he used steroids.

Arn Tellem, who had not returned phone calls seeking comment since the report of Giambi's testimony, issued a one-paragraph statement Monday.

Jason Giambi is an extremely dedicated athlete and a caring and loyal teammate," Tellem said. "Jason loves the game of baseball, the Yankees, and the extraordinary New York Yankees fans. Jason has always appreciated the steadfast support of the fans who have been there

through good times and bad. He is determined, focused and working hard to return to form in 2005 and help the Yankees get back to the World Series."

Yankees lawyers are investigating whether the team can terminate Giambi's contract, nullifying all or part of the \$82 million, four seasons of his \$120 million, seven-year deal.



# Cal keeps coach, demands answer

## Tedford signs 5-year deal, calls on coaches to make poll voting public

By GREG BEACHAM

The Associated Press

BERKELEY, Calif. — Jeff Tedford plans to keep California in contention for a Rose Bowl berth during each season of his new five-year contract.

He also wants to know which of his fellow coaches helped prevent the Golden Bears from getting to Pasadena this season.

After signing a lucrative new deal Monday that could keep him at Cal through 2009, Tedford called for voters in the coaches poll to make their choices public. The Bears finished fourth in the poll, but six coaches inexplicably dropped them below No. 6 on the final ballots — one of several factors that kept Cal just short of a Bowl Championship Series berth.

"It's something we need to know," said Tedford, one of the poll's 61 voters. "One of the worst things that could happen is the votes being kept secret. If we had to do it all over again, I would hope that we'd make them public."

Though Cal's players and fans were abuzz over Tedford's new commitment to the school following the Bears' best regular season in a half-century, nobody could say how many coaches picked the Bears seventh or lower in the final poll — four at No. 7 and two in the eighth slot.

In the previous year's poll, no body picked Cal lower than sixth. The latest vote came after Cal's 26-16 win at Southern Mississippi on Saturday night — a close game, but a tough road contest that wasn't in doubt in the final minutes.

Pat-10 Commissioner Tom

Hansen also wants to put names to the votes that hurt Cal's BCS standing.

"Those votes should be called out," Hansen said. "We ought to know who did that, because that's wrong."

After leading Texas for several weeks, Cal (10-1) slipped behind the Longhorns into fifth place in the final BCS standings Sunday, in part because the Bears lost ground in both The Associated Press and coaches polls recently.

The BCS drop caused Cal to miss out on the school's first Rose Bowl in 45 years. The Golden Bears got a meeting with Texas Tech in the Holiday Bowl instead.

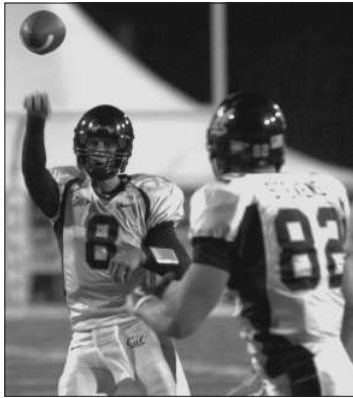
In the AP poll, Cal finished 62 points ahead of Texas in fourth place. In the coaches poll, the Bears were just five points ahead of Texas, which will play Michigan in the Rose Bowl.

The Associated Press made public its poll Sunday, listing each voter's name, news organization and votes for Nos. 1-25. None of the AP media voters had Cal ranked lower than sixth.

But the American Football Coaches Association conducts the balloting for the ESPN/USA Today coaches poll, and the coaches voted twice this week to keep their ballots secret.

"I certainly have a question of some of them," Hansen said of the coaches' votes. "Something pretty unusual happened between last week and this week. I'd like to have the Cal football team be able to know which coaches thought they weren't in the top six teams."

APCA President Grant Teaff said the ballots from the final coaches poll will not be released.



California quarterback Aaron Rodgers, left, throws a short pass to tight end Craig Stevens during Saturday's game against Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Miss. The Golden Bears were denied a spot in a lucrative BCS bowl, in part because six coaches dropped the team below sixth place in the final balloting for the ESPN/USA Today poll.

He said he didn't believe there was anything suspicious about the final voting.

"We do very good due diligence to run a credible poll," he said. "I understand their obvious concerns. I'm not oblivious to that."

Teaff said making the ballots open will be discussed again in January.

The controversy didn't detract from Tedford's excitement over a new contract that should end speculation on his future at Cal. With other schools already inquiring about Tedford's availability for the third straight year, the coach and athletic director Sandy Barbour got something done quickly.

"I didn't want to entertain anything else," Tedford said. "I hope everybody knows by now that I am 100 percent committed to this program in the future."

And Cal is committed to Ted-

ford, who will make \$1.5 million per year plus as much as \$300,000 in incentives, along with a \$2.5 million retention bonus at the end of the contract. The bonus boosts his annual salary to \$2 million — exactly the amount that will be made by new Florida coach Urban Meyer.

It's an impressive financial investment for Cal, an academic power where athletics have always been viewed skeptically by certain faculty and students. It's also a significant coup for Barbour, who raised all the money to keep her football coach entirely from private donors in just 2½ months on the job.

"There was a call to action that we put out there, and I can't say enough about how people responded," Barbour said. "I've said for months that I believed Jeff wanted to be here, and now he has proven it."

Associated Press writer Janie McCauley contributed to this report.

# Illini hire Zook to fix woeful program

By JIM PAUL

The Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Former Florida coach Ron Zook took over Illinois' struggling football program Tuesday, returning to his roots and promising to turn around a team that has sunk to the bottom of the Big Ten since winning a league title in 2001.

Zook, a native of Ohio and a former assistant coach at Ohio State, said taking the job was an easy decision.

"I was raised in the Midwest. I coach at the Big Ten," he said. "It's one of the finest athletic conferences in the land."

Athletic director Ron Guenther said he wanted to find a coach with integrity, who was committed to academics and with a strong ability to recruit. He called Zook "a perfect fit."

"He's a players' coach," Guenther said. "His players picked up on the passion and played extremely well for him."

Zook received a five-year deal, worth about \$1 million a year, according to university spokeswoman Robin Kalser.

Guenther talked last

Tuesday, but Illinois could not name a new coach until a two-week waiting period to comply with state guidelines passed. The deadline was Monday.

Florida fired Zook on Oct. 25, two days after the Gators lost at Mississippi State, satisfying a growing demand for his ouster that began two years earlier — after he replaced Steve Spurrier.

But Zook coached the Gators for the rest of the season and led them to a 3-4 record in their final four games and an invitation to the Peach Bowl. Defensive coordinator Charlie Strong will coach the Gators in the Peach Bowl, said athletic director Jeremy Foley, who called Zook on Tuesday to tell him he has coached his last game for the Gators.

In his three seasons at Florida, Zook went 23-14 with impressive victories over eventual national champion LSU last season and an upset of Florida State on Nov. 20, the Gators' first win in Tallahassee since 1986.

Zook has 27 years of coaching experience, including six years in the NFL as an assistant for the Kansas City Chiefs, Pittsburgh Steelers and New Orleans Saints, where he was defensive coordinator for two seasons.

At Illinois, Zook will replace Ron Turner, who was fired Nov. 22 — two days after finishing his third straight losing season.

Turner's teams won only five Big Ten games after winning the conference championship in 2001 and going to the Sugar Bowl.



Zook

# IOC investigating Jones for doping violations

The Associated Press

LONDON — The IOC opened an investigation Tuesday into doping allegations against Marion Jones, who could eventually be stripped of her five medals from the 2000 Olympics.

International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge set up a disciplinary commission to look into the claims made by Victor Conte, head of the California-based lab accused of illegally distributing steroids.

Conte told ABC's "20/20" in a broadcast aired Friday that he gave Jones performance-enhancing drugs before and after the Sydney Olympics. He said he watched Jones inject herself with human growth hormone.

"The allegations made by Mr. Conte are extremely serious and the IOC is fully committed to

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bringing to light any elements that will help the truth prevail," the IOC said in a statement.

Jones won three gold medals (100 meters, 200 and 1,600 relay) and two bronze (long jump and 400 relay) in Sydney. She repeatedly has denied ever using banned drugs, and has threatened to sue Conte for defamation.

Jones' lawyer, Richard M. Niechy, did not return a phone message left at his office Tuesday. The U.S. Olympic Committee also did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

World Anti-Doping Agency chief Dick Pound, a senior IOC member, has said Jones should be stripped of her medals if Conte is telling the truth. Any decision

on the medals would be made by the IOC executive board.

**White says she didn't know she was using steroids**

WASHINGTON — Sprinter Kelli White thought she was taking flaxseed oil when the former world champion first started using banned substances provided by Victor Conte.

"He gave me vitamins and protein shakes and things that I was told were flaxseed oil," White told ABC News' "Nightline," in an interview broadcast Monday night.

White, who won two gold medals at the 2003 world championships, previously said she had only taken the prescription stimulant modafinil because she suffered from a sleep disorder.

But she later admitted to taking illegal performance-enhancing drugs in May, and accepted a

two-year drug ban that cost her a trip to the Athens Olympics and every medal she'd won the past four years.

White said she found out she was misled two weeks after hooking up with Conte.

**Boise State coach Hawkins signs long-term contract**

BOISE, Idaho — Boise State coach Dan Hawkins signed a five-year, \$2.6 million contract extension on Tuesday that could keep him with the Broncos through the 2009 season.

"I'm very excited about what we have accomplished and even more excited about what is possible in the future," Hawkins said in a statement.

Boise State (11-0) has compiled a 44-6 record during Hawkins' four seasons as head coach.

# HOME TEAM

A WEEKLY LOOK AT LOCAL SPORTS

## Changes taking hold

Coaches have mixed feelings on DODDS-only Far East wrestling tourney

BY DAVE ORNAUER  
Stars and Stripes

In Steve Schroek's eyes, a little something will be missing when teams convene in late February for the Far East High School Wrestling Tournament at Yokota Air Base, Japan.

Kadena's longtime coach laments "the international flavor of the tournament will be missing."

In September, the DODDS-Pacific's Far East Activities Council decided to limit Far East teams, cross country and wrestling tournaments to DODDS-Pacific teams only.

DODDS-Pacific's decision means that, for the first time since the Far East wrestling tournament's 1976 debut, the event will be without Tokyo powers St. Mary's International and American School in Japan, teams that have 10 Far East titles between them. And individual stars, such as two-time outstanding wrestler Zaboo Enkhbayar of Brent International in the Philippines, won't compete.

But that's not to say that DODDS-Pacific and its international counterparts won't have a chance to tangle on the mat.

Nile C. Kinicki hosts the "East of the Far East" invitation tournament on Feb. 5 at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan. St. Mary's, ASLI and Christian Academy in Japan plan to enter, and Seoul American might make the trip in addition to Kadena and Kubasaki from Okinawa.

"That's going to be an important tournament because of the change in Far East invitations," said Kinicki coach and tournament host Robby Rhinehart. He said he considers the addition of Seoul — the defending Far East tournament dual-meat champion — vital.

"That's one of the reasons I was pushing to get Seoul there, to make it a quality tournament," he said. "To add them will really step up the level of that tournament. Not that it needed help."



DAVE ORNAUER/Stars and Stripes

Kadena Panthers wrestling coach Steve Schroek, right, demonstrates a hip toss with assistant coach Jordan Collins during practice Thursday at Kadena High School, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa. Schroek said "the international flavor of the tournament will be missing" without international teams at the Far East tournament, but added "we still have tournaments and I still have to get my kids ready for them."

Schroek called the tournament "critically important" but stopped short of calling it a "real" Far East tournament.

"I've always looked at it as a tune-up for Far East," he said, "to see what we have to do, learn the techniques of kids in mainland Japan and Seoul. We learn a lot from it. Kadena and Kubasaki wrestling is improved by it. We will jump through hoops to get there."

Third-year Kubasaki coach Terry Chumley said, "I'm glad we have the opportunity to wrestle international schools before Far East."

Added third-year Zama American coach Alan Harlow, "And the international schools will have something to prove when they get there."

Falcons coach Julian Harden said lack of league competition in Korea makes the tournament doubly important. Only Seoul American and Osan American field full wrestling squads.

"It's been... a good measuring tool to show how well you can compete at the next level," Harden said. "I'd love to be in Japan and wrestle them on a regular basis. Here, we only wrestle ourselves. We've found a way to make that work for us but it's been difficult."

Crowning DODDS-Pacific champions while keeping the international flavor at the Kinicki Invitational does provide DODDS wrestlers the best of both worlds, Harlow acknowledged.

"It's not up to us" to dictate who can wrestle at Far East, Schroek said. "There are people

beyond my pay grade who make those decisions. Whether you agree or not, you have to respect it. I just want to coach my wrestling team and get them ready, no matter who they wrestle."

The bottom-line question, Schroek says, is how to give high school wrestlers the best possible competition within the parameters DODDS-Pacific has set.

"I'm sure the administrators are doing everything they can do for us," he said, adding that he's "not going to complain about the decision but is grateful for whatever competitive opportunities exist."

"It is the same as they'd get in the States," he said. "We still have tournaments and I still have to get my kids ready for them."

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### This week's schedule

**Boys basketball**  
Friday, Dec. 10  
Kadena at Kubasaki, 5 p.m.  
**Girls basketball**  
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**Wrestling**  
Thursday, Dec. 16  
Kubasaki at Kadena, 6 p.m.  
**Japan**  
Friday, Dec. 16

Nile C. Kinicki and E.J. King at Matsuyama, 5 p.m.; St. Mary's International at Zama American, 6 p.m.; American School in Japan at Yokohama International, 6 p.m.; Fuchibori (Japanese) at Zama American, 6 p.m.

**Saturday, Dec. 11**  
Yokohama International at Yokota, 10 a.m.; Yokohama International vs. Robert B. Eggen at Yokota Air Base, noon; Fuchibori (Japanese) at Zama American, 4 p.m.

**Tuesday, Dec. 14**  
Yokohama International at St. Mary International, 5 p.m.; St. Mary's International at Zama American, 6 p.m.; American School in Japan at Yokohama International, 6 p.m.; Fuchibori (Japanese) at Zama American, 6 p.m.

**Wednesday, Dec. 15**  
Nile C. Kinicki at Yokota, 5:30 p.m.  
**Girls basketball**  
Friday, Dec. 16

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**Saturday, Dec. 11**  
Zama American at Robert B. Eggen, 10 a.m.; Seisen International at International School of the Sacred Heart, 10 a.m.; Yokohama International at American School in Japan, 12:30 p.m.

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Nile C. Kinicki at International School of the Sacred Heart, 5:30 p.m.; Seisen International at Yokohama International, 5:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Dec. 16**  
Yokota at Nile C. Kinicki, 5:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Dec. 11**  
Yokota High School Invitational Tournament, 9 a.m.

**Wednesday, Dec. 15**  
Yokota at Nile C. Kinicki, 5:30 p.m.  
**Games**  
Friday, Dec. 9

Game 8-Southern at Notre Dame, 4 p.m.  
Game 9-George Washington at Academy, 4 p.m.

**Friday, Dec. 11**  
Game 8-George Washington vs. Game 9 loser, site to be determined, 5 p.m.

**Game 11-Gator vs. Game 9 winner, site to be determined, 11 a.m.**  
**Boys volleyball**  
Friday, Dec. 9

Game 7-Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, site to be determined, 5 p.m.  
Game 8-Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, site to be determined, 5 p.m.

**Saturday, Dec. 11**  
Game 9-Game 7 loser vs. Game 8 loser, site to be determined, 5:30 p.m.  
Game 10-Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, site to be determined, 5:30 p.m.

**Baseball**  
Friday, Dec. 10  
Pusan American at Taegu Christian International, 10 a.m.; International Christian University at Taegu Christian Foreign, 3:30 p.m.; Seoul American at Osan American, 4 p.m.

**Saturday, Dec. 11**  
Pusan American at Taegu Christian Foreign, 9 a.m.; Osan American at Taegu Christian American, 10:30 a.m.

Seoul American at Taegu Christian International, 10 a.m.; Taegu American at Pusan American, 3:30 p.m.; Seoul Foreign at Osan American, 4 p.m.

### Games of the week

**Boys basketball**  
Friday, Dec. 10 at Kubasaki (5-2)  
When Boys game at 5 p.m., game 2 at 2 p.m., Friday, Dec. 10.

Where: Dragons Den, Kubasaki High School, Camp Foster, Okinawa.

What: Second meeting of the regular season between arch-rivals in the Okinawa Activities Council. They've already faced each other Nov. 26 in the 19th Hong Kong International School Holiday, with Kubasaki winning 30-20.

Why: The Dragons Den matchup could feature quite a battle of the boards between Dragons Den junior transfer Stephen Thompson and Kadena junior Stephen Thompson. Kadena's senior Stephen Thompson is hoping senior Ron Lee will be the Dragons Den's senior.

For the girls, Kadena junior Kelli Mathieu has been watching underdog along with Kadena's senior Kelli Mathieu. Kelli Mathieu has been watching underdog along with Kadena's senior Kelli Mathieu. Kelli Mathieu has been watching underdog along with Kadena's senior Kelli Mathieu.

### Zaire Jackson

Boys basketball  
Kadena, Okinawa

Last week: Scored 44 points, a single-game season high so far in Pacific high school basketball, powering the Panthers to a 96-79 Okinawa-American League victory over the Maehara Dolphins at Maehara High School, near Camp Courtney on Okinawa.

Jackson, a junior, took over the game with 16 points in the third quarter as the Panthers used a 10-0 run to break it open and led by up to 20 points in the final quarter. Kadena improved to 5-3 this season.

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Seattle, changes  
playoff prospects

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SEATTLE — Bill Parcells told his team over the past two weeks that playoff scenarios can change quickly.

That's for sure. Just look at the Dallas Cowboys, instantly in the thick of the post-season chase.

And check out the slumping Seattle Seahawks, in danger of missing the playoffs after a 3-0 start.

Rookie Julius Jones capped a remarkable comeback for the Cowboys with a 17-yard touchdown run with 32 seconds left, and Dallas stunned the struggling Seahawks 43-39 on Monday night to pull into the crowded NFC playoff picture.

"I have not been around too many like that," Parcells said. "That was unbelievable. I feel fortunate to win."

Jones ran for 198 yards and three touchdowns, and the Cowboys (5-7) overcame a 10-point deficit with less than two minutes remaining.

"I looked around and guys were talking, saying, 'Let's go,'" quarterback Vinny Testaverde said, recalling the huddle at the 2-minute warning. "That tells me they were ready to give everything they had on every play. I admired the courage of our guys."

Testaverde threw for 225 yards and three TDs, including a 34-yard pass to Keyshawn Johnson to get Dallas to 39-35 with 1:45 left. Jason Witten recovered an onside kick, and Dallas was in business at its 43.

Eight plays later, Testaverde handed off to Jones and immediately raised his arms as he watched the rookie burst through Seattle's defensive line and sprint into the end zone.

"There was a huge hole," Jones said. "I can't say enough about the offensive line. They were making holes like that for me all night."

With four games remaining, there's no reason to think the Cowboys can't break into the playoffs just as easily. Dallas is one of six NFC teams at 5-7, and it's a wide-open race.

"Coach Parcells always tells us not to count ourselves out," Witten said.

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Cowboys running back Julius Jones races past Seahawks' Ken Hamlin into the end zone for the winning touchdown, the second Dallas scored in the final 2:46 as the Cowboys erased Seattle's 10-point lead to win 43-39, a fact bemoaned by a Seahawks fan, inset top.

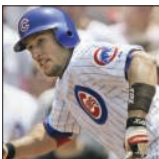
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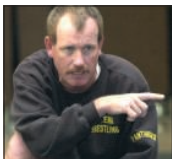
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